

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN

BY-LAW NO. 2020-27

Being a by-law to amend by-law 2015-31, to govern the proceedings of Council and its committees

WHEREAS Bill 197 the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act, which received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020, amended various sections of the Municipal Act with respect to Electronic Participation in meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act in Section 238 (3.1) now states that the procedure by-law may provide that members of Council, of a local board or of a committee of either of them, can participate electronically in a meeting to the extent and in the manner set out by the by-law;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act in Section 238 (3.3) states that the applicable procedure by-law may provide that, a member of a council, or local board of a committee of either of them who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and that a member of a council, of a local board of a committee of either of them can participate electronically in a meeting that is open or closed to the public; and

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of Powassan hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Section 1 be amended to add:

1.11 b) **“Electronic Meeting”** means a Meeting where any Member is not physically present but participates via electronic means of communication.

2. That Section 5 be amended to add:

5.6 Electronic Participation may be allowed for a member of Council, or a local board or of a committee or either of them in accordance with Section 238 (3.1) of the Municipal Act. Members participating electronically may count towards determining whether a quorum of members is present and may participate in a meeting which is open or closed to the public.

5.7 Members must notify the Clerk prior to the meeting of their intent to participate electronically, and to confirm the use of approved technology.

5.8 Members of the public wishing to attend a meeting held in whole or in part electronically must confirm their intent to attend by 12:00 pm the day prior with the office of the Clerk at which time the Clerk will determine the method of attendance.

THAT all other provisions of By-Law No 2015-31 shall remain in effect.

**READ a FIRST and SECOND time the 1st day of September, 2020
And considered READ a THIRD and FINAL time and finally passed this
the 1st day of September, 2020**



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