



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

BY-LAW

Number 118 - 2020

To amend Procedure By-law 160-2004 to permit Electronic Participation in Meetings in Accordance with Section 238 (3.1) and (3.2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, section 238 provides that a municipality shall establish a procedure by-law to govern meetings;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brampton has enacted Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended;

AND WHEREAS sections 238 (3.1) and (3.2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, permit limited electronic participation in meetings;

AND WHEREAS Council has enacted procedures to allow all Members to participate in meetings electronically during a defined emergency, but has not defined in its meeting procedures electronic participation during a non-emergency period;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brampton considers it desirable to be able to hold Council and committee meetings electronically where expedient to allow partial participation by Members of Council and its Committees, as may be appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton **ENACTS** as follows:

1. That Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

a) Adding Section 23 as follows:

23. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS DURING A NON-EMERGENCY PERIOD

23.1 Interpretation

In this Section the following shall apply, in addition to the definitions in section 1 of this By-law:

“Electronic Participation” means member participation in a meeting via electronic means (including, but not limited to, audio teleconference, video teleconference, or via means of the internet), and within person attendance constituting a quorum for the meeting;

23.2 Electronic Participation and Voting

A member may participate, including voting, in a regular meeting or special meeting of Council or a committee, in accordance with this Section and any Electronic Meeting Protocol as may be approved by Council.

23.2 Electronic Participation and Quorum

A member may participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public to the extent and in the manner as established by Council, provided that any such member shall not be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present for purposes of quorum at the commencement and at any point in time during the meeting.

23.4 Electronic Participation and Closed Session


A member of council, or of a committee, shall not participate electronically in a meeting which is conducted in the absence of the public and in accordance with this by-law.

2. This By-law is enacted accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, and shall hereby come into effect as of the date and time of its passing.


ENACTED and PASSED this 8th day of July, 2019.

Approved as to form. 2020/08/04 D. Soos
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Patrick Brown, Mayor



Peter Fay, City Clerk