



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2021-139

Date: November 18, 2021

Originator: Karen McIsaac, City Clerk

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Clerks Department

Subject: Amendment to Procedural By-Law 2019-80, as amended, to Allow for Electronic Participation by Members of the City Council

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

That Council:

1. authorize the City Clerk to amend the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law to allow Members of Council and Members of Local Boards or Committees to participate electronically in meetings until April 30, 2022; and
2. suspend the Notice Provision as set out in Section 33 of the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law.

Background

On June 15, 2021, Council passed Resolution 2021-241 to make a further amendment to the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law to allow Members of Council and Members of Local Boards or Committees to participate electronically in meetings until December 31, 2021.

Due to the uncertainty of the current pandemic it is being recommended that Council further amend its Procedural By-Law to allow Members of Council and Members of Local Boards or Committees to participate electronically in meetings until April 30, 2022. If during this time it is determined that Council can safely participate in in-person meetings in the Council Chambers, the amendment can be rescinded and in-person Council Meetings may be resumed.

Financial/Legal Implications

There are no financial or legal implications.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Ensure continuous improvement of governance and administration.

Options Analysis

Option #1: That Council authorize an amendment to the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law to allow Members of Council and Members of Local Boards or Committees to participate electronically in meetings until April 30, 2022.

This is the recommended option.

Option #2: That Council not authorize an amendment to the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law to allow Members of Council and Members of Local Boards or Committees to participate electronically in meetings until April 30, 2022.

This is not the recommended option.

Recommended Option

That Council:

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2. suspend the Notice Provision as set out in Section 33 of the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law.

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Karen McIsaac, Dipl. M.A.

Title: City Clerk

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

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City Clerk