

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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BY LAW AMENDMENT REGARDING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- 1) *Receive Report No. 022-20 re: “By-Law Amendment Regarding Electronic Participation” for information; and*
- 2) *Approve the amendments to governance By-law #3 ([Appendix A](#)) and the Resolution ([Appendix B](#)).*

Key Points

- Per Governance Policy G-000 Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Governance policy development and Review can be initiated by the Board of Health.
- G-B30 By-law No. 3 Proceedings of the Board of Health was last reviewed February 27, 2020.
- With the onset of a Global Pandemic and corresponding changes to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, RSO 1990 c.E9 further amendment was required in order to facilitate electronic participation in meetings.

Background

Per *Governance Policy G-000 Bylaws, Policy and Procedures*, the Board of Health is responsible for the Health Unit’s governance by-laws and policies. Review and revision of governance policies can be initiated at any time by the Board of Health based on changing legislation or organizational needs. *G-B30 By-law No. 3 Proceedings of the Board of Health*, was last brought forward and approved by the Governance Committee and the Board on February 27, 2020. That review however did not contemplate the changes to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, RSO 1990 c.E9 that would allow electronic participation in Board meetings.

With the onset of a Global Pandemic and corresponding changes to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, RSO 1990 c.E9 further amendment was required in order to facilitate electronic participation in meetings. This amendment has been drafted and reviewed by legal counsel.

Next Steps

The Board of Health has the opportunity to review the appended by-law. Once satisfied with its review, the by-law will be read for approval and implementation.

This report was prepared by the Healthy Organization Division.



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