



MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER

Monday, March 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/03/ 84

Whereas the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 Virus a world-wide pandemic; and

Whereas all levels of Government in Canada are taking precautionary measures to help protect their citizens and communities and slow the spread of this virus; and

Whereas these measures include social distancing and avoiding where possible public gatherings; and

Whereas the duration of these measures is unknown at this time; and

Whereas municipal governments need to continue to operate; and

Whereas the technology exists to allow Council members to participate in meetings electronically and for the public to be able to view the proceedings of Council electronically, thus allowing for increased social distancing without compromising accountability and transparency of Council decisions; and

Whereas the Municipal Act currently provides for Council Members to participate electronically in meetings, but only if a quorum is present in person and the meeting is open to the public; and

Whereas additional measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic could be employed if the Provincial Government waives the quorum and closed session restrictions to electronic participation in meetings by Council Members;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Callander petition the Provincial Government to waive the restrictions on electronic participation in Council Meetings, at least for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic;

And further that copies of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs; our local MPP; and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Mayor

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