The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

By-law Number 2020-101

Being a By-law to amend Procedure By-law 2019-125, to permit electronic participation in all meetings of Council, Local Boards or Committees of either of them, in periods of a declared emergency and those outside a declared emergency, as included in Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020.

Whereas Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020, to amend the Municipal Act, 2001; and

Whereas the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, includes criteria by which a member of a council, local board or 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, in both open and closed session discussions; and

Whereas Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs has adopted Electronic Participation Policy COU-02-2020, to govern the procedures of electronic participation in both open and closed session discussions; and

Whereas Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs deems it necessary to amend Procedure By-law 2019-125 to permit electronic participation in meetings of Council, Local Boards or Committees of either of them, in periods of a declared emergency and those outside a declared emergency;

Now Therefore Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs enacts as follows:

1. That Part II, Section 12, of By-law 2019-125 be amended to include the following:
   a) Electronic participation is permitted in all meetings of Council, Local Boards or Committees of either of them, in periods of a declared emergency and those outside a declared emergency, further to Electronic Participation Policy COU-02-2020; and
   b) Notwithstanding point a) above, members shall not be permitted to participate electronically in the Inaugural Meeting of Council.
   c) A member of Council, a Local Board or a Committee of either of them who is participating electronically in a meeting shall be counted in determining quorum; and
   d) Electronic participation shall be permitted in closed meeting discussions.
   e) All electronic meeting procedures shall be determined to be as defined in Electronic Participation Policy COU-02-2020, as amended from time to time.

2. That By-laws 2020-035 and 2020-054 are hereby repealed.

3. That this By-law shall come into force and effect upon being passed by Council.

Read a first and second time this 7th day of October, 2020.
Read a third time and finally passed this 7th day of October, 2020.

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Mayor – Dwight Burley

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Acting Clerk – Brittany Drury