

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

By-law Number 2020-035

Being a By-law to amend Procedure By-law 2019-125, to reflect amendments to electronic meeting provisions during emergencies, as included in the *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020*.

Whereas on November 20, 2019, Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs enacted By-law 2019-125, to govern proceedings of Council and Committees; and

Whereas the *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020* received Royal Assent on March 19, 2020, to amend the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*; and

Whereas the *Municipal Emergency 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 during an emergency, 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 include emergency electronic meeting provisions;

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

1. That Part II of By-law 2019-125 be amended to include the following:

Section 12 – Electronic Participation

12.1 During any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990*, the following shall apply:

- a) Notwithstanding subsection 238 (3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, a member of Council who is participating electronically in a meeting shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and
- b) Notwithstanding subsection 238 (3.2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, a member of Council can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public; and
- c) All votes as called in an electronic meeting shall be recorded by the Clerk and/or their designate, such that members and the public are aware of each member's vote.
- d) The provisions of paragraph 12.1 above do not apply to Committees of Council.

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

Read a first and second time this 1st day of April, 2020.

Read a third time and finally passed this 1st day of April, 2020.

Mayor – Dwight Burley

Acting Clerk – Brittany Drury