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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Original Signed by 

Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, the COVID-19
Administrative Order and In person Meetings

ORIGIN

November 17, 2020 Regional Council motion (Item 12.3):

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff report and recommendation with respect to amendments to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, the COVID-19 Administrative Order, to enable in person public hearings and other changes resulting from the evolution of the Restated Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health under Section 32 of the Health Protection Act 2004.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, S.N.S. 2008, c.39, sections 59(3), 219 and 219A as follows:

59 (3) In addition to matters specified in this Act or another Act of the Legislature, the Council may adopt policies on any matter that the Council considers conducive to the effective management of the Municipality

219 (1) The Council shall adopt, by policy, a public participation program concerning the preparation of planning documents.

(2) The Council may adopt different public participation programs for different types of planning documents.

(3) The content of a public participation program is at the discretion of the Council, but it must identify opportunities and establish ways and means of seeking the opinions of the public concerning the proposed planning documents.

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219A (1) The Council shall adopt, by policy, an engagement program for engaging with abutting municipalities when the Council is adopting or amending a municipal planning strategy.

(2) Subject to the regulations, the content of an engagement program is at the discretion of the Council.

(3) The Minister may make regulations respecting the content of an engagement program.

(4) The exercise by the Minister of the authority contained in subsection (3) is regulations within the meaning of the Regulations Act.

Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency (Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*) 20-008

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order Number 2020-009-ADM, the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment A of this report.

BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2020 the Government of Nova Scotia declared a State of Emergency due to COVID-19. On March 22, 2020 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing directed all municipalities to discontinue holding in person meetings, and to only hold virtual meetings by video or telephone¹. On April 2, 2020 Regional Council held its first virtual special meeting and all meeting types were held in a virtual environment.

On May 12, 2020 Regional Council approved Administrative Order Number 2020-009-ADM Respecting COVID-19 also known as the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*. The Administrative Order was amended on May 26, 2020 to address virtual public hearings and subsequently on September 1, 2020 to address virtual Planning & Development public engagement. Subject to earlier termination, the Administrative Order is in effect until March 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

On July 29, 2020 the March 22, 2020 Direction of the Minister was repealed and replaced by Direction of the Minister #20-008², which permits municipalities and villages in the Province to hold meetings in person as long as the following conditions are met: the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in the *Health Protection Act* order, and all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in the *Health Protection Act* order are met. If those conditions cannot be met, the meetings cannot be held exclusively in person, and may be held partly or wholly as a virtual meeting. Direction of the Minister #20-008 remains in effect and governs all meetings.

An increase in the number of people permitted to gather allowed in person meetings to be held for a short period of time in the fall of 2020. Standing Committees were able to meet in person for the month of September 2020 before returning to virtual meetings due to increasing Covid-19 cases.

On November 17, 2020 Halifax Regional Council requested a staff report and recommendations with respect to amendments to the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*, to enable in person public hearings and other changes resulting from the evolution of the Restated Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health under Section 32 of the Health Protection Act 2004. At that time, the gathering limit under the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health was 50 persons, whether indoors or outdoors.

¹ [Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency, March 22, 2020](#)

² [Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency, July 29, 2020](#)

On November 23, 2020 the gathering limit in HRM was reduced under the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to 25 persons, and further reduced to 5 persons on November 27, 2020. These changes were made in response to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases across the province. Following the second wave, the gathering limit for meetings was expanded in February 2021, and was subsequently reduced again at the end of April at the commencement of the third wave.

On March 23, 2021 Council approved amendments to the *COVID-19 Administrative Order* extending its termination date until March 31, 2022, unless earlier terminated by resolution of Council. This change allowed public hearings and Planning & Development public engagement to occur in a virtual setting until public health orders and in person gathering restrictions are eased allowing for in person meetings to occur again. As restrictions are eased or removed the processes used for meetings will be reassessed.

On May 6, 2021 the public participation section of Community Council and Standing Committee meetings was reintroduced over virtual meetings as a result of the move to Zoom videoconferencing for virtual meetings.

On May 28, 2021 the Government of Nova Scotia announced a five-phase plan³ to reopen the Province safely from COVID-19 including the restrictions and potential timelines necessary to prepare for a return to in person meetings.

DISCUSSION

In Person Meetings

All meetings held by the Municipality must comply with gathering limits, physical distancing, and any other requirements established by the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. As of July 14, 2021, the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health states that the maximum number of in persons in attendance for meetings hosted by municipal governments is as set out in section 15.1, and that all persons in attendance must adhere to the masking requirements set out in section 18.2 unless exempt under section 18.3. Under section 15.1(a), the maximum number of persons is now up to 50 percent of the legal capacity of the indoor establishment in which the event or activity is held, to an overall maximum of 150 persons.

At this time, it is anticipated that a complete return to traditional in person meetings will be possible when Nova Scotia enters Phase Five of the Government of Nova Scotia's reopening plan. This is estimated to be in September of 2021. This phase may still require safety measures such as the installation of glass partitions as well as cleaning and movement procedures until all public health restrictions have been lifted.

Council has not held a meeting in person in over 18 months. A return to in person meetings will necessitate technical training for those members of Council and staff who have not previously attended in person meetings. Further, a facility-by-facility assessment would be required in order to hold in person meetings outside of normal meeting locations. Maintaining current meeting parameters until Phase Five of the reopening plan is recommended to avoid moving back and forth from virtual to in person meetings because of public health guidelines as occurred in the fall of 2020.

If requirements for in person meetings can be met and advertising completed, it may be possible to move specific meetings to an in-person format prior to Phase Five of the reopening on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

When in person meetings were reintroduced in September 2020 for some standing committees, significant health and safety measures were required including:

³ [NS Gov Reopening Safety with COVID-19 Plan](#)

- pre-registration through the Clerk's Office for public and media attending meetings
- maintaining of physical distancing including signage and movement arrows
- mandatory mask wearing
- sanitizing stations placed at the entrances of meeting and waiting areas
- staff to escort members of Council, staff, the public and media transitioning from waiting areas to meeting room
- a disinfection process before, during and after meetings
- other meeting specific safety measures are required

Staff have been working with the Halifax Public Libraries to develop options for individuals who do not have access to technology. The Clerk's Office had investigated the Libraries' Curbside Pickup services to check out Chromebooks for people who do not have access to technology and will continue to work with residents who identify they have experienced technological barriers to participating in a virtual setting.

Ensuring a safe return to in person meetings is the priority and goal for all meetings within the HRM. Staff advise that following this plan for a return to in person meetings will allow for safe and accessible meetings for Regional Council, staff and the public.

The timing of the reopening plan has been fluid, and the possibility of another shutdown remains. Any movement toward in person meetings must reflect the reality that circumstances may change and necessitate a return to virtual meetings again in the future. Staff has endeavored to make extra efforts to notify the public of hearings amidst COVID-19. This has involved the placement of three (3) newspaper advertisements on three (3) consecutive weekends for each hearing, as opposed to the two (2) advertisements required under the *Charter*. This has slowed timelines somewhat, and increased applicant costs, but was determined to be beneficial over the past months. With the return of in person hearings however, presumably staff would revert to two (2) weeks of advertisements per the previous practice.

Meetings Governed by COVID-19 Administrative Order

Staff recommends amendments to the *COVID-19 Administrative Order* as set out in Attachment A, to support the transition period back to in person public hearings and Planning & Development public engagement where possible, while also acknowledging the continued uncertainty around public health regulations. Planning & Developments current engagement practices allow staff to 'right-size' engagement activities based on the scope and impact of a project on a community. This allows a variety of engagement tools to be used on a single project. This practice will continue, and there may be some circumstances that virtual meetings are preferable given the context at hand. These amendments clarify the process by which meetings will be determined to be virtual or in person, allowing the CAO and Municipal Clerk to be responsive to changing requirements of the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. With the changes to the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*, it may be possible to hold in person meetings sooner in certain circumstances.

In addition, these amendments establish a process for in person meetings to be re-advertised as virtual or alternative public participation in the event that the gathering limit is reduced by the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health after they have been advertised as being in person.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with recommended action in this report.

If holding meetings at alternative locations is pursued additional financial expenses for meetings of Regional Council and Standing Committees may be required. This would be determined based on the meeting type, facility costs and any required health and safety measures required.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As current public health guidelines do not permit in person meetings there is no risks to maintaining virtual meetings.

Virtual meetings may continue provided all meetings are held in accordance with provincial legislation.

As identified above, these amendments establish a process for in person meetings to be re-advertised as virtual or alternative public participation in the event that the gathering limit is reduced by the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health after they have been advertised in person. This would slow the timeline and increase advertisement cost.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No formal public engagement has been undertaken in preparing this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council may choose to:

1. Wait until Phase Five of the Province's plan to reopen Nova Scotia to transition public hearings and Planning & Development public engagement back to in person. This would not require any amendments to the *COVID-19 Administrative Order* at this time.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify a larger off-site location that meets physical distancing as well as all other requirements set forth in the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and approve the temporary relocation of Regional Council meetings when public health orders allow.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Amending Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM

Attachment 2: Showing Proposed Changes to Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-009-ADM
RESPECTING COVID-19**

BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER of the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality under the authority of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, that Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM, the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*, is amended as follows:

1. Adding subsection 2(ab) after subsection 2(aa) and before subsection 2(b) as follows:
 - (ab) “Order” means the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health under section 32 of the Health Protection Act, S.N.S. 2004, c. 4, as amended from time-to-time;
2. Adding the word “virtual” after the words “conduct of a” and before the word “public” in section 3A.
3. Adding section 3C after Section 3B and before Section 4 as follows:

Transition

3C. (1) The Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Municipal Clerk, may determine whether a public hearing by the Council and a Community Council is to be virtual, in accordance with section 3A, or in person in accordance with Appendix A of Administrative Order One, at the time the first notification is published.

(2) The Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Municipal Clerk, may determine whether a meeting, public meeting, or public engagement under section 3B is to be held in person or virtually and through alternative public engagement at the time the relevant notification is published.

(3) In making a determination under subsections 3C(1) and 3C(2), the Chief Administrative Officer shall consider:

- (a) the relevant gathering limit as set out in the Order;
- (b) the number of members of Council and municipal staff required to be present for the public hearing, meeting, public meeting, or public engagement;
- (c) the size and nature of the space at which the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement will be held;
- (d) other matters being heard on the same meeting agenda; and
- (e) any information available on the number of members of the public anticipated to attend the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement.

(3) Once a public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement has been advertised to be held virtually or as alternative public engagement, the method may not be changed, unless otherwise directed by Council and re-advertised.

(4) Once a public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement has been advertised to be held in-person, the method may be changed to be held virtually or as alternative public engagement in response to a change in the Order if the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement is re-advertised.

4. Striking out the words “until this Administrative Order terminates” after the word “Council” and before the period at the end of section 1 of Schedule 1, and adding the words “that is to be held virtually in accordance with Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM” after the word “Council” and before the period at the end of section 1 of Schedule 1.

Done and passed in Council this day of , A.D. 2021.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-009-ADM
RESPECTING COVID-19**

BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER of the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality under the authority of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Administrative Order may be known as the *COVID-19 Administrative Order*.

Interpretation

2. In this Administrative Order,

(a) “alternative public engagement” means public engagement facilitated through one, or a combination of, the following means: written correspondence, the internet, telephone, or meetings held virtually;

(aa) “grant” includes rent subsidies, property tax exemptions, less than market value property sales and leases, annual cash grants, and allocations from the Marketing Levy Special Event Reserve and Community and Events Reserve;

(ab) “Order” means the Order of the Chief Medical Officer of Health under section 32 of the Health Protection Act, S.N.S. 2004, c. 4, as amended from time-to-time;

(b) “policy” means a resolution of the Council that is required, pursuant to the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, to be recorded in the by-law records of the Municipality and includes an Administrative Order and the Terms of Reference for the HRM Grants Committee;

(c) “reserve” means a reserve as defined by clause 3(c) of the *Financial Reserves Administrative Order*; and

(d) “virtually” means appearing by video, by telephone, or by a combination of video and telephone.

Application

3. Notwithstanding any other policy of Council, a

(a) grant may be allocated or awarded by Council without the HRM Grants Committee or HRM Special Events Advisory Committee reviewing, evaluating, or recommending the grant;

(b) grant may be allocated or awarded by Chief Administrative Officer without a peer jury reviewing, evaluating, or recommending the grant; and

(c) withdrawal from a reserve may be authorized by Council without the Audit and Finance Standing Committee reviewing and making a recommending on the impact to the Reserve.

Public Hearings

3A. In accordance with section 1 of Appendix A of Administrative Order One, the *Procedures of the Council Administrative Order*, the Rules for the conduct of a **virtual** public hearing by the Council and a Community Council are stated in Schedule 1 to this Administrative Order.

3B. (1) Notwithstanding any other policy of Council,

(a) a public meeting required by a public participation program adopted by Council pursuant to section 219 or 219A of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* may be held virtually;

(b) a public participation program adopted by Council pursuant to section 219 or 219A of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* may be comprised of, wholly or in part, alternative public engagement;

(c) a public meeting required by the 1997 Resolution Regarding a Public Participation Program for Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments may be held virtually;

(d) a public meeting required for the purpose of gathering feedback on a planning application may be held virtually;

(e) public engagement required for the purpose of gathering feedback on a planning application may be comprised of, wholly or in part, alternative public engagement; and

(f) a meeting of a Planning Advisory Committee, Joint Planning Advisory Committee, Area Planning Committee or Public Participation Committee may be held virtually.

(2) If

(a) a public meeting under 3B(1)(a), (c) or (d); or

(b) a meeting under 3B(1)(f);

is held virtually under subsection 1, such meeting shall be in place of and in full satisfaction of in person meetings.

(3) If public engagement under 3B(1)(b) or (e) is held through alternative public engagement, such engagement shall be in place of and in full satisfaction of in person public engagement.

(4) Notwithstanding section 4, if a meeting or public engagement has started to be held virtually or through alternative public engagement under subsection 1, but has not been completed before this Administrative Order terminates, such meeting shall continue to be held virtually and such engagement shall continue to be held through alternative public engagement.

(5) This section shall not apply to that portion of the public engagement or public meeting that is required by a municipal planning strategy, by-law, or development agreement to be held in person.

Transition

3C. (1) The Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Municipal Clerk, may determine whether a public hearing by the Council and a Community Council is to be virtual, in accordance with section 3A, or in person in accordance with Appendix A of Administrative Order One, at the time the first notification is published.

(2) The Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Municipal Clerk, may determine whether a meeting, public meeting, or public engagement under section 3B is to be held in person or virtually and through alternative public engagement at the time the relevant notification is published.

(3) In making a determination under subsections 3C(1) and 3C(2), the Chief Administrative Officer shall consider:

(a) the relevant gathering limit as set out in the Order;

(b) the number of members of Council and municipal staff required to be present for the public hearing, meeting, public meeting, or public engagement;

(c) the size and nature of the space at which the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement will be held;

(d) other matters being heard on the same meeting agenda; and

(e) any information available on the number of members of the public anticipated to attend the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement.

(3) Once a public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement has been advertised to be held virtually or as alternative public engagement, the method may not be changed, unless otherwise directed by Council and re-advertised.

(4) Once a public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement has been advertised to be held in-person, the method may be changed to be held virtually or as alternative public engagement in response to a change in the Order if the public hearing, meeting, public meeting or public engagement is re-advertised.

Termination Date

4. Subject to subsection 3B(4), this Administrative Order terminates on the earlier of

(a) the date and time determined by Council, by resolution; or

(b) at 11:59 pm on March 31st, 2022.

Schedule

5. A Schedule attached hereto shall form part of this Administrative Order.

Done and passed this day of , 2021.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above noted Administrative Order was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on , 2021.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

**SCHEDULE 1
RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARING DURING COVID-19**

Application

1. These Rules shall apply equally to a public hearing conducted by the Council and a Community Council until this Administrative Order terminates **that is to be held virtually in accordance with Administrative Order 2020-009-ADM.**

Advertising Public Hearing

2. (1) A public hearing at the Council shall be advertised to commence at 6:00 p.m., or such other time as set by resolution of the Council.

(2) A public hearing at a Community Council shall be advertised to commence at 6:00 p.m., or such other time as set by resolution of the Community Council.

(3) Advertisements shall only be placed for the first date of a public hearing and shall state that if the public hearing cannot be concluded at the advertised date, it will continue on a date determined by the Council or the Community Council at the public hearing.

(4) The advertisements must indicate the date and time by which a person needs to:

(a) contact the Office of the Clerk, and the information that must be provided to the Office of the Clerk, to be added to the Speaker's List; and

(b) provide written submissions to the Office of the Clerk to be distributed.

Location

3. Public hearings will be held virtually.

Written Submissions

4. (1) A person who wishes to provide a written submission in respect of any matter which is the subject matter of a public hearing shall direct the submission to the Office of the Clerk.

(2) Submissions shall be received in the Office of the Clerk no later than the date and time indicated in the advertisements under subsection 2(4) of this Schedule.

(3) The Clerk shall distribute to the Council all submissions received by the date and time indicated in the advertisements under subsection 2(4) of this Schedule.

Speakers' List

5. (1) A Speakers' List will be prepared by the Office of the Clerk.

(2) A person wishing to speak at a public hearing shall provide to the Office of the Clerk their name, community of residence, and any other information required in the advertisement under subsection 2(4) of this Schedule.

(3) If a speaker represents a group, they shall indicate the name of the group they represent both on the Speakers' List and when they address the Council or the Community Council during the public hearing.

(4) A person who provides the required information within the date and time indicated in the advertisements will be added to the Speaker's List.

Before Public Hearing Opened

6. Before the public hearing is opened:

- (a) the Presiding Officer shall ask staff for a presentation;
- (b) staff shall then be given an opportunity to virtually provide an explanation of the matter being considered and the staff recommendation to the Council or the Community Council; and
- (c) following the staff presentation, if any, Members may ask staff questions of clarification only.

Opening of Public Hearing

7. (1) The public hearing shall then be opened and:

(a) the applicant, or designate, shall be invited to address the Council or the Community Council and if the applicant, or designate, decides to speak, they shall be given ten (10) minutes to present their proposal; and

(b) after the applicant, or designate, presents the proposal, the Members may ask the applicant questions of clarification and the applicant, or designate, shall respond to such questions.

(2) The applicant, or designate, may only address the Council or the Community Council virtually.

(3) If the applicant, or designate, has previously provided an electronic presentation to the Office of the Clerk, in a format acceptable to the Clerk, staff will display the presentation and the applicant, or designate, will provide all the commentary on it and staff will advance the presentation to the next slide when requested to do so.

Explanation of Speaking Rules

8. The Presiding Officer shall then explain speaking rules as set out in section 9.

9. Each speaker shall

(a) be given five (5) minutes to address the topic;

(b) be required to state their name, and the name of the community in which they reside;

(c) keep their comments respectful, on topic and directed at the Presiding Officer; and

(d) not debate points of view expressed by other speakers.

10. During a public hearing:

(a) the Clerk may, upon receiving a request, advise members of the public where they appear on the Speakers' List;

(b) the Clerk may notify the Council if the connection is lost with a speaker and attempt to reconnect with them and, if unsuccessful, Council or the Community Council may move on to the next speaker;

(c) at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, the Council or Community Council may take a recess every hour; and

(d) no applause or other expressions of emotion, inappropriate language, outbursts or criticisms aimed at individuals or groups will be condoned.

Calling Speakers

11. The Presiding Officer shall then call the speakers in the order on the Speakers' List, and if:

(a) a person is not virtually present when their name is called, they will be given an opportunity to speak after everyone on the Speaker's List has been called; or

(b) a speaker has been disconnected and the attempt to reconnect was unsuccessful, they will be given an opportunity to speak for the remainder of their 5 minutes after everyone on the Speaker's List has been called.

12. If it is necessary to adjourn the public hearing to another date, the Presiding Officer shall direct those on the Speaker's List at the initial advertised date who did not have the opportunity to be heard and still wish to address the Council to speak to the Clerk.

13. At the continuation of a public hearing on a second or subsequent date:

(a) only those whose names are on the Speakers' List and were not heard at the initial advertised date shall be permitted to speak; and

(b) there shall be no substitution of names permitted.

14. After all the people have spoken, the Presiding Officer shall invite the applicant or designate to virtually respond to the points raised by the speakers, and if the applicant or designate, decides to speak, they shall be given five (5) minutes to speak.

Close of Public Hearing

15. The Presiding Officer shall then ask for a motion to close the public hearing and no further speakers shall be heard.

16. Following the close of the public hearing, the Clerk shall record in the Minutes those who spoke at the hearing.

17. Staff will be provided an opportunity to briefly respond to points raised by the speakers.

18. Members may request clarification of staff respecting matters raised during the public hearing.

Role of Council During Public Hearing

19. (1) The role of the Council or Community Council at a public hearing is to listen to the public.

(2) Members shall not debate nor challenge the comments being offered by the speaker.

(3) Following a speaker's presentation, Members may ask questions of the speaker, seeking clarification of the points they raised.

(4) Members shall not enter into dialogue with the public during the Public Hearing.

Voting

20. Only Members present for the entire staff presentation and public hearing shall be permitted to vote.

21. Notwithstanding section 20, only Members present during the entire debate following the close of the public hearing, including during any clarification by staff, the developer or Members of the public, shall be permitted to vote respecting

(a) the adoption or amendment to a Municipal Planning Strategy or Land Use By-law;

- (b) an appeal of a site-plan or variance;
- (c) a registration or de-registration of heritage property; and
- (d) the sale of property at less than market value.

Notice of Motion: April 28, 2020
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Amendment #1

Amendment to section 1
Added sections 3A and 5, and Schedule 1

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Amendment #2

Amendment to sections 2 and 4
Added sections 3B

Notice of Motion: August 18, 2020
Approved: September 1, 2020

Amendment #3

Amendment to clause 4(b)
Amendment to subsection 5(3) of Schedule 1

Notice of Motion: March 9, 2021
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