

## **BY-LAW NO. 62-2020**

### **A BY-LAW OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE TO AMEND PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 117-2018 TO ALLOW FOR COUNCIL, LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TO HOLD ELECTRONIC MEETINGS;**

**WHEREAS**, Section 238 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, requires that every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

**AND WHEREAS** The Province passed Bill 197 and introduced the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act* in response to provide municipalities with the ongoing flexibility of permitting electronic participation as an option for municipal Councils and their committees beyond times when there is a declared emergency;

**AND WHEREAS** the legislation gives municipalities the ability to conduct Council, local board and committee meetings electronically to whatever extent necessary in both open and closed session; and

**THAT** electronic participants may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Procedure By-law 117-2018 is hereby amended by replacing the title of Section 5.12 and the body of Section 5.12.1 as follows:

#### **5.12 Electronic Meetings**

5.12.1 Electronic meetings may take place for any and all types of Council or Committee meetings with notice in accordance with this By-law

2. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date it is passed by Council.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

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Doug Black, Mayor

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Stacey Blair, Clerk