



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**

BY-LAW 2020-21

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2016-12

WHEREAS By-Law 2016-12 regulates the proceedings of the Council of the Township of McGarry;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* has been amended to provide that a member of council, of a local board or of a committee of either of them, can participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public to the extent and in the manner set out in the by-law provided that any such member shall not be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* has been amended to provide that, during municipal or provincial emergencies, members of councils, local boards and committees who participate electronically in open and closed meetings, may be counted for the purposes of quorum;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of McGarry deems it expedient to allow for the head of council to call an emergency meeting, as may a majority of the members of council by petition, to be held without written public notice to deal with an emergency or extraordinary situation provided that an attempt has been made by the Clerk to provide the notice as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry enacts as follows:

1. THAT By-law 2016-12 Section 6(e) be added to include the following wording regarding emergency meetings:

The head of council may call an emergency meeting, as may a majority of the members of council by petition, to be held without written public notice to deal with an emergency or extraordinary situation, provided that an attempt has been made by the Clerk to provide the notice as soon as possible.

2. THAT By-law 2016-12 Section 9(d) be added to include the following wording regarding electronic participation at meetings:

A member of council may participate electronically in a meeting, which is open to the public, provided that any such member shall not be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time.

3. THAT By-law 2016-12 Section 9(e) be added to include the following wording regarding electronic participation at meetings during a declared emergency:

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, a member of council 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, and may participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.

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4. THAT all other provisions of By-Law 2016-12 shall remain in effect.
5. THAT this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day that it is passed.

READ a first and second time this 26th day of March, 2020

READ a third time and finally passed this 26^h day of March, 2020



MAYOR



CLERK