

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

BY-LAW NO. 21-2020

**Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 16-2015
passed in open Council on April 16th, 2015.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 section 238 provides that a municipality shall establish a procedure by-law to govern meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has enacted Procedural By-law 16-2005 on April 16, 2015.

AND WHEREAS on March 19, 2020 the Province of Ontario enacted the *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020* to amend the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to enact sections 239 (3.3) and 238 (3.4) to provide that during an emergency declared pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, a member 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 that a member may participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public;

AND WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Province of Ontario pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* related to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the Declaration of Emergency applies to all of Ontario, including the Township of Melancthon;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon deems it expedient to amend By-law No. 16-2015, a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council and its Committees and to Repeal By-law No. 8-2009, 15-2009, 3-2010, 21-2010, 11-2012, 15-2013 and 58-2014;

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

That Section 3 (a) be added to By-law 16-2015 to read:

3 (a) In the event of an emergency declared by the Premier, Cabinet or the Municipal Head of Council under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, Members participating electronically, by either telephone, video or audio conferencing or other interactive methods, may be counted for the purposes of quorum. In the event of an emergency declared by the Premier, Cabinet or the Municipal Head of Council under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, Members participating electronically, by either telephone, video or audio conferencing or other interactive methods, may participate in a Closed Meeting and be counted towards quorum.

Members of the public may participate electronically in open meetings, as the chosen technology permits.

This By-law shall take effect and come into force on the passing thereof.

By-law read a first and second time this 3rd day of April, 2020.

By-law read a third time and passed this 3rd day of April, 2020.

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MAYOR

CLERK