

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
BY-LAW 2020-31**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 2017-154**

**WHEREAS** Council adopted by-law 2017-154 on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017; and

**WHEREAS** *Municipal Act, 2001* was amended by Ontario Bill 187, on March 19, 2020 providing municipalities with the tools they need to ensure local decision making by municipal councils is not affected by existing quorum requirements during emergency situations;

**WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient to amend the said By-law no. 2017-154, to allow for the use of electronic participation at closed meetings during a declared emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland enacts the following:

1. THAT By-law No. 2017-154 be amended by:

1.1 Removing the last sentence in section 15.3, which reads:

“This section does not apply to closed meetings”.

1.2 Adding the following Section 17.2.1:

“Notwithstanding section 17.2, if the Head of Council or any other Lead Agency as identified in the “Emergency Management Act” declares a state of health emergency, the closed meeting may be held by electronic participation, subject to the following conditions:

17.2.1.1. That access codes for electronic participation shall be published on the closed meeting agenda and made available exclusively to authorized participants; and

17.2.1.2 That each participant shall, at the beginning of the closed meeting confirm that he or she is located in a private area which allows him or her to certify that the confidentiality of the information and discussions will be kept.

2. THAT this by-law shall come in full force and effect on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

**READ, DONE AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2020.**

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**Guy Desjardins, Mayor**

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**Monique Ouellet, Clerk**