

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW 2016 NO. 5199

AMENDMENT BYLAW 2021 NO. 5744

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bylaw 2021 No. 5744 amends Council Procedure Bylaw 2016 No. 5199. The bylaw incorporates amendments as prescribed in the *Community Charter, [SBC 2003] CHAPTER 26*, to allow Council members to attend Council meetings electronically due to specified events/conditions.

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The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Langley, in Open Meeting Assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Council Procedure Bylaw 2016 No. 5199 Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 5744".
2. The "Council Procedure Bylaw 2016 No. 5199", as amended, is further amended:

(a) Part 5 – Meetings of Council

Add the following:

Electronic Meetings

- 5.22 A Special Meeting of Council may be conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities.
- 5.23 The Chair of the meeting and the Township Clerk/Deputy Clerk must be present for Regular meetings of Council at the location specified in section 5.07 of this bylaw until such time as the *Community Charter* and/or other applicable statutory and regulatory schemes permit Regular meetings of Council to be conducted using electronic or other communication facilities.
- 5.24 A Council member who is unable to attend a Regular or Special Council Meeting location due to one of the following:
 - a) attendance at a Township business activity;
 - b) a Federal, Provincial or Local State of Emergency; or
 - c) illness, injury, or other health concern;

may participate in the meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities.
- 5.25 Except for any part of a meeting that is closed to the public, the public must be able to hear, or watch and hear any Council members participating by means of electronic or other communication facilities.

- 5.26 A Council member must advise the Township Clerk/Deputy Township Clerk of the intent to attend the meeting via electronic or other communication facilities:
- a) before noon on the fifth (5th) calendar day preceding a Regular scheduled meeting; or
 - b) as soon as practical prior to a Special meeting.
- 5.27 Council members who are participating in a meeting conducted in accordance with this section are deemed to be present at the meeting.
- 5.28 Should the electronic or other communication facility fail, and a Council member is no longer able to hear or be heard during a Council meeting, the member will be deemed to have left the meeting until such time as communication is restored.

NOTICE GIVEN THE 23 day of September 2021.

SECOND NOTICE GIVEN THE 30 September 2021.

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| READ A FIRST TIME the | 20 | day of | September | , 2021 |
| READ A SECOND TIME the | 20 | day of | September | , 2021 |
| READ A THIRD TIME the | 20 | day of | September | , 2021 |
| ADOPTED the | | day of | | , 2021 |

_____ Mayor _____ Township Clerk