

BYLAW 17-2020

STRATHCONA COUNTY

A BYLAW TO ADDRESS PROCEDURAL CHANGES REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Province of Alberta has introduced changes to certain Council meeting and public hearing requirements in the *Municipal Government Act* through the *Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation*;

Strathcona County Council desires to ensure that recommendations from the Chief Medical Health Officer are adopted and that physical distancing measures are maintained;

Council therefore enacts:

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| Interpretation | 1 | Terms used in this bylaw have the same meaning as in the bylaw that they provide temporary exceptions to. |
| Public Hearing Procedures | 2 | <p>Despite the Public Hearing procedures set out in subsection (a) through (j) of section 6.5 of <i>The Meeting Procedures Bylaw</i>, Bylaw 20-2015, and subject to any other provisions in the bylaw, Public Hearings will be conducted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Public Hearings will be held by electronic means.(b) Persons interested in making a submission as part of the Public Hearing may contact the Director's office to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Provide a written submission by email; orii. Register to make a presentation at the Public Hearing by electronic means.(c) In-person presentations are not permitted.(d) If a presenter wishes to provide visual submissions such as photos, graphics, PowerPoint slides, they must do so by written submission.(e) Written submissions must be received by the Director's office by noon on the business day prior to the Public Hearing, and registrations to speak must be received by the Director's office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Public Hearing.(f) All written submissions received by noon on the business day prior to the Public Hearing will be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. provided to members of Council as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of the Public Hearing;ii. retained for the public record; andiii. made available for public inspection on the County's public website.(g) Once the Chair opens the Public Hearing, the Director will provide an overview of the Public Hearing procedures.(h) Administration will provide a presentation on the proposed resolution or bylaw.(i) The Chair will then invite registered speakers to make their presentation by electronic means.(j) Presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. |

- (k) Following each presentation, the Chair will invite members of Council to ask questions of clarification.
- (l) Following the public presentations, the Chair will close the Public Hearing and open the floor to debate on the proposed resolution or bylaw.

Public Presentations	3	Despite the provisions for Public Presentations set out in section 41 of the <i>Priorities Committee Bylaw, Bylaw 17-2017</i> , and subject to all other provisions of the bylaw, Public Presentations must be made by electronic means and any materials to be distributed as part of the presentation must be provided electronically to the Director in accordance with section 42 of the bylaw.
Open House	4	Despite the provisions for Open House presentations set out in section 52 of the <i>Priorities Committee Bylaw, Bylaw 17-2017</i> , and subject to all other provisions of the bylaw, Open House presentations must be made by electronic means and any materials to be distributed as part of the presentation must be provided electronically to the Director in accordance with section 53 of the bylaw.
Repeal	5	This bylaw is repealed when the <i>Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation Alt Reg 50/2020</i> is no longer in force.

First Reading: April 21, 2020
Second Reading: April 21, 2020
Third Reading: April 21, 2020

Date Signed: April 27, 2020

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