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Minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 10:21 a.m., via Zoom Video-Conference, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency.

### **Roll Call**

District 1 – Bruce Prout, present  
District 2 - John A MacDonald, present  
District 3 - Wayne Fowler, present (by phone)  
District 4 - Burt McNeil, present  
District 5 - Gregory Heming, present  
District 6 - Alex Morrison, present  
District 7 – Warden Timothy Habinski, Chair, present  
District 8 - Michael J Gunn, present  
District 9 - Wendy Sheridan, present  
District 10 – Deputy Warden Martha Roberts, present  
District 11 - Diane LeBlanc, present

**Also Present:** CAO John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other staff including S. McInnis, A. Dunphy, D. Campbell, H. Orde, W. Atwell, and W. Bruce Gillis.

### **Additions**

The Clerk requested the addition of an item *in-camera* under (e) contract negotiations, and it was requested to move the *in-camera* portion to immediately follow the approval of the minutes.

### **Approval of the Agenda (Order of the Day)**

Upon motion of Councillors McNeil and LeBlanc, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Re: Regular Session September 15, 2020

#### **MOTION 201020.01 Minutes 2020-09-15 Regular**

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Heming, to approve the minutes of the regular session of Municipal Council held September 15, 2020, as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **In-Camera**

It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to meet in-camera from 10:23 a.m. until 12:37 p.m. in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) contract negotiations of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Amend the Order of the Day**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to amend the Order of the Day by adding Wheeling Rate Agreement with Town of Annapolis Royal and Workshop on Basinview Centre, and that both items be addressed next. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Wheeling Rate Agreement with Town of Annapolis Royal

**MOTION 201020.02 Wheeling Rate Agreement with Town of Annapolis Royal**

It was moved by Deputy Warden Roberts, seconded by Councillor Heming, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Wheeling Rate Agreement with the Town of Annapolis Royal, regarding the water line addition for Hillside Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Workshop on Basinview Centre

**MOTION 201020.03 Council to Hold Workshop on Basinview Centre**

Councillor Morrison moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council hold a workshop on Basinview Centre. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff will advise when additional information is available in order to set a date.

**In-camera**

It was moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor Heming, to meet in-camera in accordance with Section 22(g) legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege, from 12:49 p.m. – 12:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Lunch**

Warden Habinski declared a lunch break from 1:00 p.m. until 1:29 p.m.

**Councillor Comments**

*District 1 – Councillor Prout (as submitted)*

I would like to begin by thanking the voters of District 1 for once again giving me the opportunity to work on their behalf as councilor for our district.

At this time I would also like to thank the current members of the Council for having welcomed me so warmly last January when I was sworn in after the Special Election. The support which I have received from both Council Members and Staff has been greatly appreciated.

With elections, often comes change. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the current Councilors who will not be returning. Warden Habinski, Deputy Warden Roberts, Councillors MacDonald, Fowler, McNeil, and Heming, who have been instrumental in much that has been accomplished by this Council. Your years of service have contributed many things for our county.

Looking forward, I wish the very best for our new Council as we begin our work, in our deliberations and efforts for our wonderful County of Annapolis.

*District 2 – Councillor MacDonald (as submitted)*

I'd like to thank all for my opportunity to work for the residents of District 2 and Annapolis County. I continued to learn throughout my 4 years and expect to learn more even today. This experience has truly been an honour. I would also like to express my appreciation to my fellow Councillors. We were on track for some great things for the County of Annapolis. And to the staff.....WOW.....Thank You so Much.

*District 3 – Councillor Fowler thanked all the people who voted for him, it was appreciated. I am the first District 3 mountain councillor to get on council. I have been a Councillor for 23 years, Fire Chief for 18 years, and fireman for 32 years. I have a grade 6 education and am illiterate. The number one thing is the Gordonstoun School will be the best thing to happen to Annapolis County. If it wasn't for Warden Habinski and CAO John Ferguson and this council, the Gordonstoun School would not be coming. The new council shouldn't take credit for the school or the internet build as they are already well underway. I have been taken down by a concerned citizens group. For the first time during election, people were*

very disrespectful while campaigning. Now, with the concerned citizens group, they will try to fill council every term. Facebook groups listen whether information is the truth or not, and take it in, whether they should or not. And finally I would like to state there has been no financial mismanagement.

*District 4* – Councillor McNeil thanked for support over four years. One thing learned is biggest fault is communication. Need to get more things out to the public. Can just say ‘we are in litigation’, need to get positive news as well as information. Pleasure working with all, thanks very much.

*District 5* – Councillor Heming noted he will miss council. It has been a remarkable experience, and he appreciated the opportunity to serve as a rural person. He left two quotes:

Trappist Monk Thomas Merton once remarked, “having lost our ability to see life as a whole, to evaluate conduct as a whole, we no longer have any relevant context into which our actions are to be fitted, and therefore all our actions become erratic, arbitrary, and insignificant.” For me, I believe Merton was suggesting that community was the relevant context in which we could somehow begin to see our lives as being less erratic, more sensible, and infinitely more significant.”

Gregory Heming, *Ecological Integrity, Community and the Human Prospect*, Union Press, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001; and

“An ethic of place respects equally the people of a region and the land, animals, vegetation, water, and air. It recognizes that people revere their physical surroundings and they need and deserve a stable, productive economy that is accessible to those with modest incomes. An ethic of place ought to be a shared community value and ought to manifest itself in a dogged determination to treat the environment and its people as equals, to recognize both as sacred, and to insure that all members of the community not just search for but insist upon solutions that fulfill the ethic.”

Gregory Heming, *Conjectures of a Northern Journeyman*, Lost Moose Publishing, 2003, Whitehorse, Yukon.

*District 6* – Councillor Morrison (*as submitted*)

Eight years ago a motion created “Councillor Comments” words on what happened in each of our districts. We allocated one minute but I feel our contributions today will each be a bit longer.

I thank residents of District 6 for the majority vote I received in the election, all through the campaign, my only promise was to do my best – and I will, always. I look forward to continuance of good government, working for County as a whole, and for District 6. Now to some of my friends and colleagues  
Gregory Heming: environmentalist extraordinaire, reasoned remarks, incredible multi-tasker  
Burt McNeil: sense of proportion, humourous remarks, and always providing sweets – in more ways than one

Martha Roberts: never a doubt of any of the positions she adopted, motion reader with diligence

Wayne Fowler: a true district politician, looked after residents and achieved much for his district, and for our county, and that’s all I have to say about that

John A McDonald: thoughtful, persistent and determined views, champion of internet questions

Timothy Habinski: guided us through many projects and perplexing situations with knowledge and clarity  
I will miss you all and hope you will provide us with your thoughts and suggestions - from a different platform

*District 7* – Warden Habinski noted he has always had a difficulty with endings. As a child, he often skipped the last chapter, in hopes that the ending wouldn’t come to pass. He feels that way today. Over the last eight years, he has lived and breathed council. Strange to hand off tasks to a new team. Thanked his council colleagues. Each has taught something valuable. We have accomplished some remarkable things. We have moved it forward, we have taken great care in lifting our communities. Please continue to do so. There are great things ahead for this county. Be compassionate. Thanks to staff - Council has put a

lot of work on your plates. It has been challenging, and you all have risen above and beyond for our residents. I am fortunate to have known you all, be proud of what you have done.

*District 8 – Councillor Gunn (as submitted)*

I'd like to begin by recognizing that it is Mi'kmaq History Month ... and ask that we and all Nova Scotians ... acknowledge the long and living history of this culture ... and show respect ... for the many who are keeping the traditions alive, for future generations.

District 8 was in the spotlight last week and the lack of water in downtown Bear River was broadcast from coast to coast. This was on the CBC episode of Still Standing that was filmed last year, but I hope all enjoyed the many laughs - and characters - that were highlighted around the community. I heard from family and friends right across the country about how much they enjoyed Bear River being featured.

On a more serious note, I do continue to be asked where we stand with joint funding for our Comfort Station project in Bear River, and as far as I know we are still waiting on the Provincial Government. It would have been nice if this long labored effort would have been concluded in this session of Council, but I (and I hope STAFF) will continue to cage-rattle to see this through. We're very close.

Of course, internet continues to be a concern for constituents, as I was reminded by 3 different residents of District 8 this week. "Don't let them forget us" was their message.

During the last several weeks there were a number of unsettling and ... undignified ... words and actions that took place ... with regards to this election. Now that ballots are cast and decisions are finalized, I hope for peace ... and collected focus from both Council and community. People are elected here to do their job in the best way they know how. I'm going to encourage incoming Councilors to become informed not just about the issues ... but about the processes of Municipal governance. We are all on a steep learning curve here ... and the steps we need to take are often challenging. Please don't hesitate to ask if you want to know what you can expect, from one situation or another: it wasn't that long ago that I was new and needed support from the more experienced people in the room, and I'm happy to help.

And finally, I'd like to thank the outgoing Council for your years of service to this community. Everyone brought a different background to the table, but it has been wonderful to see just how much we got done when we put our heads together. We didn't always agree, but always did the best we could with the knowledge and resources we had available. Thank you all for being here, and I wish you the very best in your upcoming adventures.

*District 9 – Councillor Sheridan (as submitted)*

I would like to thank the residents of District 9 for their continued support and I look forward to serving the county for the next four years.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our returning officer Doug Patterson and his team for an excellent job! Very informative notices and updates throughout the entire election process. With the record voter turnout this is certainly proof that our residents are willing to embrace and accept change.

To the councillors that will be leaving us:

Thank you for all the years of hard work and dedication you have provided the county. I have gained knowledge from each of you, and you will be missed. I wish you all the best.

Congratulations to all the new councillors along with councillors Morrison, Leblanc and Prout on their successful campaigns.

I am sure with the ongoing pandemic we will have some challenging times ahead along with some difficult decisions. I know if we work together as a team we can create success for Annapolis County.

*District 10 – Deputy Warden Roberts thanked the residents of District 10 for their support over the past 12 years, they were excellent to work for. Thanked family for putting up with it all, and is looking forward*

to spending time with family, grandchildren and next adventure. To returning councillors, she wishes all the best, and looks forward to the future. For those leaving, thank you, she enjoyed working with all of you -let's not be strangers. For moving on, I have a new adventure. The campaign disappointment was the cutthroat letters that were circulated. That wasn't necessary. Wouldn't enjoy participating in that.

*District 11 – Councillor LeBlanc (as submitted)*

I would like to say Thank you to the residents of District 11 for taking the time to vote either by phone in or web voting. It will be my pleasure to represent you again at the Council table.

At this time, I would like to say Thank you and Well done to Doug Patterson, Amanda Lewis and the other members of the Election Team for all their great work.

I would also like to say Thank you to the Councillors that will not be returning to Council. Dear friends and colleagues, you have been a huge part in the decision making in the past 4 years. We have shared great ideas and strong opinions in the discussions at the table which was all done in finding the best decisions. However, we would always share stories, pictures and a few laughs as well. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, friendship and silliness. It has been a pleasure. Enjoy your next adventures. You will be missed.

I would like to congratulate the new Councillors that will be joining Municipal Council for the next 4 years. It will be a learning curb as all is. I look forward to working with all of you so we can bring the best possible options for OUR COUNTY.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**New Business**

Re: Adhoc Group on Glyphosate Report (from 2020-10-13 COTW) – Councillor Heming noted that this is a serious issue and we should expand on it by conducting working sessions to bring in experts to help understand legal and health issues; review Supreme Court decisions, etc. in order to make an educated recommendation to Council.

***Glyphosate Advisory Committee (Adhoc)***

Councillor Heming moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council strike a Glyphosate Advisory Committee (Adhoc) for the period beginning December 2020 – April 2021, to be made up of four councillors which include the Warden, and a staff person selected by the CAO, to invite stakeholders to present to the committee in order to bring a recommendation to April 2021 Committee of the Whole; and for staff to include for the nominating procedure.

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor Prout, to amend the motion by changing ‘April’ to ‘July’. Motion carried unanimously.

The question was called on the motion as amended to read:

**MOTION 201020.04 Glyphosate Advisory Committee (Adhoc)**

Councillor Heming moved, second by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council strike a Glyphosate Advisory Committee (Adhoc) for the period beginning December 2020 – July 2021, to be made up of four councillors which include the Warden, and a staff person selected by the CAO, to invite stakeholders to present to the committee in order to bring a recommendation to June 2021 Committee of the Whole; and for staff to include for the nominating procedure. Motion carried unanimously.

***Councillor Heming left at 2:13 p.m.***

## **Reports and Recommendations**

Re: 2020 Election Returning Officer – Mr. Patterson gave a verbal report outlining: next steps; commenting on the electronic vote count; running total on public inquiries; voter help desk; and number of halls. He added that a full written report would be provided.

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Committee of the Whole (2020-10-13)

- ***Nova Scotia Guides Association Grant***

**MOTION 201020.05 Nova Scotia Guides Association Grant**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Marketing and Promotion Partnership Program to the Nova Scotia Guides Association, to assist with the 100 Anniversary celebrations taking place at Milford House, in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Clarence Community Club Grant***

**MOTION 201020.06 Clarence Community Club Grant**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,400 from the Community Halls and Centre's Assistance Program to the Clarence Community Club to assist with kitchen upgrades, painting of the floors and walls, and general repairs to the windows and door, in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Paradise Historical Society Grant Request***

**MOTION 201020.07 Paradise Historical Society Grant**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,800 from the Capital Projects Assistance Program, Small Project Matching Grants, to the Paradise Historical Society to assist with the purchase and installation of heat pumps and chimney repair for the old Paradise School, in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Agricultural Uses of Glyphosate***

**MOTION 201020.08 Agricultural Use of Glyphosate – County of Annapolis to Take No Further Action That Would Impact Agricultural Use of Glyphosate**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Council Gunn, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, and pending input from agricultural sectors, that municipal council take no further actions that would impact the agricultural use of glyphosate in Annapolis County. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Temporary Borrowing Resolution Telecommunications - Renewal***

**MOTION 201020.09 Temporary Borrowing Resolution Telecommunications - Renewal**

Whereas Section 66 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute; and

Whereas the Municipality of the County of Annapolis has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the *Municipal Government Act* and are so authorized to expend funds for capital purpose as identified in their capital budget;

**In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn**

That under the authority of Section 66 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

That the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary; and

That the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the *Municipal Government Act* and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Thirteen Million dollars (\$13,000,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia; and

That the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution; and

That the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

That the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.  
Motion carried, 9 in favour, 1 against, (Roberts)

- ***Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Wilderness Survival Guide***

**MOTION 201020.10 NS Ground Search & Rescue Wilderness Survival Guide – Purchase Ad**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council place a half-page colour advertisement in the 2020 Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Wilderness Survival Guide. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Lawrencetown Community Hall Grant Request***

**MOTION 201020.11 Lawrencetown Community Hall Grant**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,200 from the Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program to the Lawrencetown Community Hall Association to assist with maintenance to the exterior of the hall in accordance with AM-1.4.9 Community Grants Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***CARP Application to the Federal Climate Action and Awareness Fund Request for Letter of Support***

The CARP Application was included in the agenda package for review.

**MOTION 201020.12 CARP Application to Climate Action and Awareness Fund – Letter of Support**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council provide a letter of support to be an in-kind project partner for Clean Annapolis River Project's application to the federal



Climate Action and Awareness Fund, pending receipt and review of the application. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Kirk Hicks Raven Haven Boat Launch and Parking Lot Proposal***

**MOTION 201020.13 Kirk Hicks Raven Haven Boat Launch and Parking Lot Proposal – Refer to CAO for Consideration and Recommendation**

In accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council refer the proposal received from Kirk Hicks regarding a Raven Haven Boat Launch and Parking Lot Proposal to staff for further consideration and recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Additional Capital Funding- Ground Water Well Pump Replacement***

**MOTION 201020.14 Additional Capital Funding for Ground Water Well Pump Replacement**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, in accordance with the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council approve additional capital funding for the Ground Water Well Pump Replacement as follows:

- \$12,000 be approved from the Annapolis Water Utility Reserve for the repair of the DAF unit and replacement of the back wash pump at the Cornwallis Water Treatment Plant; and
- \$20,000 be approved from the Bridgetown Water Utility Reserve for the ground water well pump replacement.

Motion carried unanimously.

• ***November COTW***

**MOTION 201020.15 November Committee of the Whole**

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor Gunn, that municipal council direct the CAO to arrange a venue large enough to hold in-person November COTW safely in accordance with NS Government regulations. Motion carried, 9 in favour, 1 against.

• ***DND Reimbursement Agreement***

**MOTION 201020.16 DND Reimbursement Agreement – Granville Ferry**

Deputy Warden Roberts moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that municipal council authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Reimbursement Agreement with the Department of National Defence to permit the use and occupancy of DND lands for Municipality of Annapolis County source water operations at Granville Ferry, and that the Municipality meet the financial commitments for costs incurred by DND to enter into this lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Re: Minister of Fisheries & Oceans (2020-09-16) – in response to the May 12, 2020 letter regarding the eel fishing industry in Atlantic Canada. The issue is now a matter of litigation. It was moved by Councillor McNeil, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation (2020-09-16) – thanking for the recent pledge of \$50,000 to the Primary Health Care Centre fundraising campaign to be paid over the next five years. They expect to open the new Centre in 2020. Councillor McNeil moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION 201020.17     \$50,000 Commitment Over Five Years to Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation to Start in 2020-21**

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, that the first of five \$10,000 payments for the five year commitment to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation be made in 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1 (2020-09-24) – reminding of the November 11<sup>th</sup> service and how it will look this year due to COVID-19.

Councillor Gunn, moved, seconded by Councillor McNeil, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Marty Fancey (2020-09-28) – requesting further information regarding the Gordonstoun school.

It was moved by Councillor Gunn, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

*Councillor McNeil left at this time 2:53 p.m.*

Re: Minister of Environment (2020-10-05) – in response to Council’s September 9, 2020 correspondence regarding the use of glyphosate in Annapolis County and deferring to Nova Scotia Lands and Forestry. Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Prout, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association (2020-10-06) – of thanks for council’s permission to redirect grant funding received for the Amazing Places project to the Science Atlas project.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Gunn, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Minister Lands & Forestry (2020-01-09) – in response to Council’s September 9, 2020 correspondence regarding the use of glyphosate in Annapolis County and deferring to Nova Scotia Environment.

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Deputy Warden Roberts, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Fundy Folk Association / Evergreen Theatre (2020-10-14) – of thanks for the grant funding received and showing the installation of the first heat pump. It was moved by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, to receive for information. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

**Warden**

**Municipal Clerk**

**Direction of the Minister**  
**under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
- ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
- ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

**A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.**

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

**Original signed by**

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing