



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
DISCUSSION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Finance

Date: January 10, 2022

Department: Administration

Topic: Electronic Participation – Procedural Bylaw

Background: Staff has received another request to consider the opportunity for Council and Committee members to participate and contribute electronically through a hybrid model due to the continually changing restrictions in place by the provincial government to curve COVID and the various variants. Due to indoor capacity restrictions and level of comfort of Council/Committee/Staff/Delegations, some delegations are attending meeting virtually, while Council and Committee members are required to attend in person in order to participate, count towards quorum, and vote on any matters.

During the spring of 2021 Council amended the procedural bylaw to permit electronic participation for a limited period of time. The timeframe for electronic participation expired on July 31, 2021, as outlined in Bylaw 2021-23, as attached.

Council may wish to consider amending the procedural bylaw to reinstate and permit electronic participation. As noted, the amendment to the procedural bylaw has expired, which means that all members of Council/Committee must attend in person.

Clerk

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