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Date: September 10, 2021  
Submitted by: Legislative Services Division  
Subject: Bill 10 Authorization of Bylaw and Policy Amendments Related to Electronic Meetings, Participation, and Public Hearings

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Bill 10 *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendments Act* (**Attachment 1**) was passed on June 1, 2021 and includes changes to the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* to permanently allow Electronic Meetings, Electronic Participation, and Electronic Public Hearings. These new rules will come into force by regulation on September 29, 2021. Local governments may amend their procedure bylaws to implement these broader electronic meeting authorities after September 29, 2021.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council directed staff to implement policies, procedures, and infrastructure to enable electronic participation. The City's urgent and adaptive response to the pandemic has resulted in the successful implementation of all three aspects of electronic participation on a temporary basis. While further refinements are necessary, the basic framework for broader electronic meeting processes is in place and can continue to be supported.

Should Council wish to continue to allow for electronic meetings and electronic participation on a permanent basis by Council, staff, and members of the public, staff may be directed to draft bylaw and policy amendments to facilitate broader electronic meeting processes with the following recommended resolution:

**THAT staff be directed to draft bylaw and policy amendments to facilitate electronic meetings, electronic participation, and electronic public hearings for Council consideration as recommended in the memo dated September 10, 2021 from the Legislative Services Division regarding Bill 10 Authorization of Bylaw and Policy Amendments Related to Electronic Meetings, Participation, and Public Hearings.**

Attachment(s)

1. Bill 10-2021 *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*.

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Tim Savoie, City Manager - Sep 13, 2021 - 2:19 PM