

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
BY-LAW NO. 2019-055**

**BEING A BY-LAW, GOVERNING THE ATTENDANCE OF
MEETINGS OF COUNCIL USING ALTERNATIVE MEANS**

WHEREAS, Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act 2001 and amendments thereto states "Every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings";

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley passed By-law 2015-024 to govern Council Proceedings;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley deems it to be in the public interest to permit the Mayor or a Council Member to participate in Council meetings using alternative means as defined in this By-law;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Despite anything to the contrary in By-law 2015-024, the Mayor or a Council Member may attend any Meeting using Alternative Means as defined in this By-law.
2. "Alternative Means" shall mean, for the purposes of this By-law, attending and participating in any Meeting by telephone or virtual presence, where Council is satisfied that such attendance and participation permits the Mayor or a Council Member to participate in debates and vote on matters at the Meeting.
3. While attending a Meeting by Alternative Means, the Mayor or a Council Member shall have all of the rights and obligations of a Member of Council as provided for in By-law 2015-024, subject only to those additional rights conferred by this By-law.
4. Prior to opening any Meeting, Quorum must be met by those Members of Council physically present at the Meeting.
5. At any Meeting where the Mayor is attending by Alternative Means, the Deputy Mayor or Presiding Officer shall preside over and chair the Meeting.
6. The Mayor or Council Member shall not be deemed to be absent from any Meeting where the Mayor or Council Member attends the Meeting by Alternative Means.
7. Any matter to be voted on by Council shall include a vote cast by the Mayor or Council Member where the Mayor or Council Member attends the Meeting by Alternative Means. The Clerk shall poll the Mayor or Council Member on all matters to be voted on by Council where the Mayor or Council Member is attending by Alternative Means. Every vote of the Mayor or Council Member where the Mayor or Council Member is attending a Meeting by Alternative Means shall be a recorded vote.
8. Where any by-law passed prior to this By-law conflicts with this By-law, the terms of this By-law shall prevail.
9. This by-law shall be deemed to take effect upon its passing and shall remain in force until repealed by Council or December 1, 2022, whichever occurs earlier.

READ A FIRST & SECOND TIME THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

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Mayor Jennifer Murphy

Acting CAO Sandra Barr