



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2019-M-036

Memorandum to Council



Staff



Committee

Subject:	Zoom Conference
Agenda Date:	March 23, 2020
Attachments:	Schedule H, Changes to Municipal Act 2001

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the use of video conference for the purpose of hosting electronic meetings and further that meetings will continue to be recorded, as governed by Schedule G.

INFORMATION

As Council is aware, the Province of Ontario has declared a state of emergency concerning the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Legislature did meet and made changes to several acts including the Municipal Act 2001. Basically, the changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 provide municipalities with the option of changing procedural by-laws allowing for enhanced electronic participation ruled for emergencies declared by the Head of Council or the Premier as governed by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. Council has met and adopted Schedule H – Meeting During Declared Emergencies.

The Municipality now has the flexibility to conducting meetings and public hearings by electronics means. We have explored and believe the use of Zoom conference technology is a cost effective method for video conferencing allowing members and public to attend meeting remotely.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Municipal Clerk