

Bill No. 234  
2020

By-law No. A-50-20\_\_\_\_\_

A by-law to amend By-law A-50, as amended, being “A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London” to facilitate Members of Council electronic participation in meetings and to amend the mandate of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to include “anti-racism, diversity, inclusion and anti-oppression” in the Committee’s mandate.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council enacted the Council Procedure By-law (By-law No. A-50) on May 31, 2016 to provide for the rules of order and procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London;

AND WHEREAS on July 21, 2020 the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 197 “An Act to amend various statutes in response to COVID-19 and to enact, amend and repeal various statutes, including amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* to permit meetings to be held electronically on an ongoing basis outside an emergency declared pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.9;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London considers the protection of the health and safety of the public to be a paramount concern;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of London considers it desirable to be able to provide for the electronic participation of Council Members at Council and Standing Committee meetings when it is deemed necessary to do so;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London deems it desirable to make anti-racism a strategic priority;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of London considers it desirable to demonstrate the Corporation’s commitment to end racism by amending the mandate of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to include “anti-racism, diversity, inclusion and anti-oppression” as a new bullet point under Strategic Initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Section 5.0 MEETINGS is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:

**5.12 Meetings – Electronic Participation**

A Council or standing committee meeting may include electronic participation of members in accordance with Council Policy “Electronic Participation of Council Members at Council and Standing Committee meetings”.

2. Section 15.0 COUNCIL – IN CLOSED SESSION, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:

**15.12 Meeting In Closed Session – Electronic Meeting Participation**

Any part of a meeting held in closed session shall allow for electronic meeting participation by members in accordance with Council Policy “Electronic Participation of Council Members at Council and Standing Committee meetings”.

3. Part 4 – STANDING COMMITTEES, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection, to Section 26 – MEETINGS:

**26.5 Meetings – Electronic Meeting Participation**

All provisions of Sections 5.11 and 15.12 shall apply to Standing Committee Meetings.

4. Schedule “E” – Mandate – Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, is hereby amended by adding the following matters under “Economic Strategies, Initiatives and Emerging Issues:

- ❖ Anti-racism
- ❖ Diversity
- ❖ Inclusion
- ❖ Anti-oppression

5. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on August 25, 2020.

Ed Holder  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – August 25, 2020  
Second Reading – August 25, 2020  
Third Reading – August 25, 2020