



GUELPH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

By-law No. 164 (2020)

Being a By-law to Permit Electronic Meetings of the Guelph Police Services Board During the State of Emergency Declared for the Province of Ontario due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis.

WHEREAS, a Police Services Board may, by By-Law, make rules for the effective management of the police service under section 31(6) of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.15 and amendments;

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to make and establish rules governing the proceedings of the Guelph Police Services Board, pursuant to the *Police Services Act* R.S.O. 1990 c.P.15 and amendments;

AND WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared by the Province of Ontario on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis and by the City of Guelph on March 26, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020 the Ontario government issued an Emergency Order in Council (80-2020) under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to prohibit organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people, effective immediately;

AND WHEREAS, Guelph Police Services Board Procedural By-law 136 (2009) as amended, does not make provision for meetings of the Guelph Police Services Board to be held electronically;

THEREFORE, the Guelph Police Services Board enacts as follows:

- 1) Board Members shall be permitted to participate in Open and Closed Board meetings by electronic means;
- 2) Board Members shall be deemed present for the purpose of quorum when participating electronically in Open and Closed Board meetings;
- 3) Board Members who are participating electronically shall be permitted to vote at Open and Closed Board meetings;
- 4) Technology to support electronic participation shall be utilized to ensure Open Board Meetings remain open to the public and media;

- 5) Technology to support electronic participation shall be utilized to ensure delegations can be heard in accordance with section 16 of the Guelph Police Services Board Bylaw 136 (2009) as amended; and
- 6) Any rules of procedure pursuant to section 20.6 of the Guelph Police Services Board Bylaw 136 (2009) as amended, "Voting When Not Physically Present at a Board Meeting", shall be waived as necessary to proceed in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this By-law.
- 7) This by-law is a temporary measure and shall be repealed when the State of Emergency has been lifted in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis ending, and in-person meeting restrictions have been lifted.
- 8) This by-law is comes into force on April 9, 2020, effective immediately.

PASSED this 9th day of April, 2020 at the City of Guelph, Province of Ontario.

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Don Drone, Chair,
Guelph Police Services Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Polonenko", written in a cursive style.

Cheryl Polonenko, Executive Assistant,
Guelph Police Services Board