

Municipality of West Elgin Revised Agenda Special Council Meeting

March 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
West Elgin Fire Hall, Station 1 Training Room
22413 Hoskins Line

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Agenda for the Special Meeting on March 20, 2020 as presented.

- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 4. Staff Reports
 - 4.1 M. Badura Verbal update impact of COVID-19 on Municipal Operations.
 - 4.1.1 Human Resources Issues COVID-19
 - 4.1.2 Emergency Guidelines

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the Building Permit and Site Inspections for the COVID-19 period and Emergency/Temporary Telework Guidelines.

4.1.3 Waiver of Penalties

Recommendation:

That notwithstanding By-law No. 2019-97, the Fees and Charges By-law, the CAO/Treasurer be authorized and directed to defer the imposition of all new penalties and/or interest on all property accounts receivables for non-payment or late payment until April 30, 2020;

It being noted that such deferral is being taken in response to COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic

4.1.4 Municipal Communications

4.1.5 Fire Department COVID-19 Procedures

4.1.6 Postponement of Public Meeting on Rodney Sewage

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby cancel the public meeting on Rodney Sewer Rates, previously scheduled on April 27, 2020 and reschedule the public meeting at a future Regular Council meeting.

4.2 L. Gosnell - Verbal Update on Emergency Management

4.3 J.Nethercott - Electronic and Telephone Participation in Meetings

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5. By-Laws

5.1 By-Law 2020-29 - Employee Remuneration

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Recommendation:

That By-law 2020-29 being a by-law to set rates of remuneration for Municipal Employees for the calendar year 2020, be read a first, second and third and final time.

5.2 By-Law 2020-30 - Confirming By-law

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Recommendation:

That By-law 2020-30 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council on March 20, 2020 be read a first, second and third and final time.

5.3 By-Law 2020-31 - Delegation of Authority and Duties in a Pandemic

Recommendation:

That By-law 2020-31 being a by-law to delegate certain duties and authority, as required during a pandemic period, be read a first, second and third and final time.

6. Adjournment

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That the Municipality of West Elgin Special Council Meeting hereby adjourn at p.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on April 9, 2020 or at the call of the Chair.



The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Box 490, Rodney Ontario N0L 2C0

Municipality of West Elgin - Building Permit Applications and Site Inspections for the Covid-19 period

The Municipal Office remains in operation during regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday), however the office will no longer be open to the public. Municipal staff may be contacted by telephone at 519-785-0560 or email westelgin@westelgin.net. Payments to the municipality can be made through telephone or online banking or left in the locked drop box to the right of the main door of the Municipal Office.

As such, the Municipality's Building Department will be operating as follows:

Building Department

The Building Department remains operational and will continue to provide **certain** site inspections (Details below). During this time, the Municipality is unable to guarantee that normal processing and inspection timelines will be met.

New permit applications -

The Municipality will review submitted applications (usually within the 10 business days) for Residential New Construction, Renovation and Additions and Residential Accessory structures. Other permit review periods are completed within the legislated time frame as set out in the Ontario Building Code.

Please email the applications to: building@westelgin.net

While the Municipal Office is **closed** to the public, building permit applications may be mailed in, dropped off at the Municipal Office (drop box) or emailed to the address above.

Site Inspections: New Construction

The Building Department will be inspecting in person **new** construction sites only.

The Building Official will **not** be entering occupied area of buildings under construction including personal dwellings or occupied areas of industrial, commercial, multi - residential and institutional buildings. Details on inspections for previously occupied areas are listed in "Site Inspections: Occupied Buildings" below.

The Building Official may ask you to answer brief, non-intrusive screening questions related to the COVID-19 health risks, and practice social distancing. Please understand this is for the protection and peace of mind of staff who will be serving you and other members of the public.

Building inspections are to be booked by emailing the Building Official at building@westelgin.net or by calling 519-785-0560 extension 224.

Site Inspections: Occupied Buildings

The Building Official will **not** be entering occupied areas of buildings under construction including personal dwellings or occupied areas of industrial, commercial, multi - residential and institutional buildings.

The Building Official will review emailed quality photos and videos or inspect via Facetime and then will email the owner or builder an inspection report stating whether the inspection is satisfactory or list deficiencies. Any deficiencies can be reviewed at a later date by the same methods.

Building inspections are to be booked by emailing Jackie Morgan-Beunen at building@westelgin.net or by calling 519-785-0560 ext 224

Municipality of West Elgin

Emergency Management Guideline 01 Emergency/Temporary Telework Guidelines

Effective Date: March 20, 2020

Review Date:

Purpose

In order to support the continuity of operations, the Municipality of West Elgin endorses teleworking as an option for qualified employees whose duties can be performed from an alternative workplace. During an emergency, it may be advantages to take positive steps to reduce demand on the physical workplace.

Successful teleworking required accountability for work production and communication follow through. Teleworking must have measureable standards for performance to gauge the success of a teleworking arrangement. Positions that may be considered for teleworking during an emergency should be identified by the department head and/or supervisors.

Eligibility and Telework Requirements

The ability to telework is not suited to all positions. Positions whose job requirements include Emergency Operations Committee, field work, daily direct customer service, or other duties that cannot be performed productively away from the regular/temporary workplace will not be approved to participate in the telework program on a regular, ongoing basis during the emergency.

Requirements to Qualify for Teleworking Program

- Position designated as eligible by immediate supervisor
- Immediate supervisor's approval
- Immediate supervisor's ability to invest necessary time to help the teleworking arrangement to succeed
- Planning with supervisor and co-workers how workflow issues such as phone calls, mail and meetings will be managed

Approval, Renewal & Termination Process

Positions adaptable to a teleworking program should be identified in the Continuity of Operations Plan. Immediate supervisors should confer with the employee that, in a time of emergency or another workplace disruption, they are willing to participate in a telework program. The employee's immediate supervisor must approve the telework arrangement.

In case of a prolonged disruption of the regular office workplace, the telework arrangement should be discussed and renewed at least every 8 weeks to ensure that continuation of the telework arrangement is meeting the goals set forth.

A telework arrangement may be terminated by one of the following:

- Resumption of the original regular office workplace or establishment of a new regular office workplace following the cessation of the disruption or emergency.
- The employee may discontinue participation in the telework program at any time, for any reason upon written or verbal notice to their supervisor.
- The department head or supervisor may terminate a telework arrangement for operational need requirements, upon 24 hours prior verbal explanation to the affected employee.

Equipment, Furniture & Working Supplies

The Municipality of West Elgin will supply no office furniture, equipment or supplies. Teleworker will be permitted to use their municipally owned computer at the alternate workplace, and remain subject to all IT and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act policies/requirements.

Job Performance Standards

The job performance standards for employees working at alternative work places shall be equivalent to the standards used when the employees are working at their regular site.

Corporate policies for all employees apply both in the regular office and the alternate work place.

Work Schedules and Hours

A regular telework schedule must be mutually agreed upon by the employee and supervisor in writing. Any change in the agreed upon schedule must be approved by the supervisor, and if it is a permanent change, documented.

It is expected that a Telework Employee will continue to work the same number of hours in the alternative work place as they are normally scheduled for at the regular site.

Compensation and Benefits

All telework schedules require supervisor approval. An alternate work schedule may be approved for an individual teleworker as long as the work schedule is consistent with the municipality's needs.

Overtime must be authorized in advance by management in accordance with the established municipality policies.

Occupational Health & Safety

A teleworking employee will be covered by WSIB for all work-related injuries occurring at the alternate work place during the teleworker's defined work period. WSIB will not apply to non-work-related injuries or injuries that occur outside of the defined work period.

If a work-related injury occurs while teleworking, the employee must notify the supervisor immediately and complete all necessary documents regarding the injury.

Safeguarding Intellectual Property Rights

An employee's work product of any type that is created or produced, in whole or in part, at the alternate work location shall belong to the Municipality of West Elgin to the same extent as if created or produced at the regular work location.

Information Security

Security of confidential information and irreplaceable documents is of primary concern and importance to the Municipality of West Elgin. Teleworkers, like all employees, are expected to adhere to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures regarding information security.

Supervisors must review functions in their areas and if necessary, designate some tasks that may not be done at alternate work places for security reasons.



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March 2020

Government Passes Legislation to Allow Councils to Meet Electronically

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Amid the COVID19 outbreak, the Ontario Legislature met today in an emergency sitting and passed Bill 187, the *Municipal Emergency* Act, which amends the Municipal Act and City of Toronto Act to allow municipalities to meet electronically in times of emergency.

Passed unanimously, the Bill will allow municipalities to fully conduct Council, local board and committee meetings in situations of local and province-wide emergencies. The implementation of this will be up to municipalities, such as how to set up meetings and the technology to use.

The Bill also temporarily waives noise bylaws to allow trucks to deliver services 24/7.

Bill 186, Employment Standards Amendment Act (Infectious Disease Emergencies) (https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/employment-standards-amendment-act-infectious-disease-emergencies-2020.html), was also passed providing support to workers amid the outbreak.

For more information, please see below:

Ontario Newsroom: Ontario Supporting Workers, Municipalities and Retailers in Response to COVID-19 (https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-supporting-workers-municipalities-and-retailers-in-response-to-covid-19.html? utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=o)

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Municipality of West Elgin

Emergency Management Guideline 02 Emergency Telephone/Electronic Participation in Council Meeting Guidelines

Effective Date: March 20, 2020

Review Date:

Purpose

During a declared municipal or provincial emergency event, members of Council may need to participate through use of technology such as electronic attendance or telephone attendance.

In Order to ensure that West Elgin Council achieve quorum, West Elgin permits the use of Telephone or Electronic participation in Council Meetings as well as any Advisory Committee of Council.

Eligibility

This guideline is only in effect during a declared Provincial or Municipal Emergency. Electronic or Telephone participation is only available for regular, special or emergency meetings of Council.

Procedure

The Chair shall be required to attend in person with the Clerk (or designate). If the Mayor is participate electronically than the Deputy Mayor shall be chair.

Any Council member who chooses to participate in a Council Meeting electronically or through telephone shall be counted towards quorum.

The Chair shall do a roll call at the start of the meeting and each Council member shall state his or her name and position.

The Chair shall read off each item on the agenda and canvas each member if they wish to speak on this item.

The Chair shall read the recommendation and call for a mover. The mover shall state his or her name and position.

The Chair shall call for a seconder for the recommendation. The seconder shall state his or her name and position.

The Chair shall canvas each member on their vote of yeah or nay.

The Clerk shall record the nam Once all votes have been reco and the number of Nay votes. carried or defeated.	rded, the Clerk shall read	the number of Yeah votes

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Bill 187, Municipal Emergency Act, 2020

Clark, Hon. Steve (www.ola.org/members/all/steve-clark) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Current status: Royal Assent received. Statutes of Ontario 2020, chapter 4

Versions

Royal Assent (www.ola.org#nid-7169446)

Bill 187 Royal Assent (PDF) (www.ola.org/https://www.ola.org/sites/default/files/node-files/bill/document/pdf/2020/2020-03/b187ra e.pdf)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 187 and does not form part of the law. Bill 187 has been enacted as Chapter 4 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2020.

The Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006 are amended to provide that, during emergencies, should they choose to, members of councils, local boards and committees who participate electronically in open and closed meetings may be counted for purposes of quorum.

The *Municipal Act*, 2001 is also amended to allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations imposing limits and conditions on the powers of a municipality under section 129 of the Act.

Bill 187 2020

An Act to amend the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Municipal Act, 2001

1 Section 238 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 is amended by adding the following subsections:

Electronic participation, emergencies

- (3.3) The applicable procedure by-law may provide that, during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*,
- (a) despite subsection (3.1), a member of a council, of a local board or of a committee of either of them who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and
- (b) despite subsection (3.2), a member of a council, of a local board or of a committee of either of them can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.

Same, procedure by-law

(3.4) A municipality or local board may hold a special meeting to amend an applicable procedure by-law for the purposes of subsection (3.3) during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and despite subsection (3.1), a member participating electronically in such a special meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any time during the meeting.

2 Subsection 451.1 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out "sections 9, 10 and 11" and substituting "sections 9, 10, 11 and 129".



The Corporation of The Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law 2020-29

A By-Law to Set Rates of Remuneration for Municipal Employees for the Calendar year of 2020.

Whereas Section 5 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by by-law; and

Whereas Section 283(1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality may pay expenses of the officers and employees of the municipality; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable and expedient to set the remuneration and expenses for all persons employed by the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

- 1. Remuneration for full time positions for the year 2020 will be as per Schedule "A".
- 2. Remuneration for part time positions for the year 2020 will be as per Schedule "B".
- 3. Remuneration for seasonal positions for the year 2020 will be as per Schedule "C".
- 4. Remuneration for West Elgin Fire Department positions for the year 2020 will be as per Schedule "D"
- 5. Employee benefits in addition to remuneration shall be paid as set forth in the human resources policies as amended from time to time.
- 6. Remuneration of any other person engaged by Council for specific purposes shall be fixed by resolution of Council.
- 7. An employee shall be paid 49.5 cents per kilometre for each kilometre he/she has traveled in their personal vehicle for work purposes. If employees travel together then mileage is paid only to the driver.

8.	By-Law 2020-02 is nereby rep	ealed.
Read a	first, second and third and finally	passed this 20 th day of March 2020.
	Duncan McPhail Mayor	Jana Nethercott Clerk

2020 Remuneration - Schedule A

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Full Time					
Chief Administrative Officer / Treasurer	\$93,605.60	\$99,455.95	\$105,306.29	\$111,156.64	\$117,006.99
Manager, Operations and Community Services	\$84,245.04	\$89,510.36	\$94,775.61	\$100,040.98	\$105,306.29
Planner	\$63,447.49	\$67,412.95	\$71,378.42	\$75,343.89	\$79,309.36
Municipal Clerk	\$59,875.24	\$63,617.44	\$67,359.65	\$71,101.85	\$74,844.05
Senior Acounting Clerk	\$55,120.00	\$58,565.00	\$62,010.00	\$65,455.00	\$68,900.00
Accounting Clerk	\$45,536.40	\$48,375.60	\$51,233.00	\$54,072.20	\$56,911.40
Water/Payroll Clerk	\$42,042.00	\$44,662.80	\$47,301.80	\$49,922.60	\$52,543.40
Supervisor, Public Works Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Utilities	\$27.50 \$27.50 \$27.50	\$29.22 \$29.22 \$29.22	\$30.94 \$30.94 \$30.94	\$32.66 \$32.66 \$32.66	\$34.38 \$34.38 \$34.38
Public Works Operator Parks and Recreation Operator Utilities Operator	\$21.00 \$21.00 \$21.00	\$22.31 \$22.31 \$22.31	\$23.63 \$23.63 \$23.63	\$24.94 \$24.94 \$24.94	\$26.25 \$26.25 \$26.25
Service Ontario Clerk	\$21.00	\$22.31	\$23.63	\$24.94	\$26.25
Administrative/Records Management Assistant Administrative Assistant - Operations and Comm Services	\$18.24 \$18.24	\$19.38 \$19.38	\$20.52 \$20.52	\$21.66 \$21.66	\$22.80 \$22.80

2020 Remuneration - Schedule B

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Part Time					
Part-Time Drainage Supt	\$21.00	\$22.31	\$23.62	\$24.94	\$26.25
Service Ontario Clerk	\$21.00	\$22.31	\$23.62	\$24.94	\$26.25
By-law Officer	\$21.00	\$22.31	\$23.62	\$24.94	\$26.25
Bus driver	\$18.24	\$19.38	\$20.52	\$21.66	\$22.80
Janitorial	\$18.24	\$19.38	\$20.52	\$21.66	\$22.80
Part-time office	\$18.24	\$19.38	\$20.52	\$21.66	\$22.80
Landfill Attendant	\$18.24	\$19.38	\$20.52	\$21.66	\$22.80
Meter Reader	\$18.24	\$19.38	\$20.52	\$21.66	\$22.80

2020 Remuneration - Schedule C

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Seasonal					
Supervisor - Life Guard	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$18.50	\$19.00
Assistant Supervisor - Life Guard	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$18.00
Life Guard	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00
Seasonal Operator - Roads/Parks & Rec/Water	\$14.00	\$14.50	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$16.00
Seasonal Operator - Winter Control	\$21.00	\$22.31	\$23.62	\$24.94	\$26.25
Winter Patrol - weekend rate					\$ 100.00
Port Glasgow Trailer Park Manager					\$ 30,510.00
Port Glasgow Trailer Park Assistant					\$ 15,255.00

2020 Remuneration - Schedule D

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
West Elgin Fire Department			
Chief	\$ 5,212.13		
Deputy Chief	\$ 3,648.49		
Chief & Deputy Chief meetings		\$ 104.24	\$ 26.06
Station Chief	\$ 2,606.06		
Captains/Officers	\$ 1,042.43		
Fire Fighting			\$ 26.06
Training officer - position under review	\$ 1,042.43		
Officers Meetings			\$ 26.06
Department Meeting			\$ 15.64
Training		\$ 104.24	\$ 26.06



The Corporation Of The Municipality Of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2020-30

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on March 20, 2020.

Whereas Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, the powers of Council shall be exercised by bylaw; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin as herein set forth be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

- 1. That the actions of the Special Meeting of Council held on March 20, 2020, in respect of each recommendation, motion and resolution and other action taken by the Council at this meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
- 2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council referred to in the preceding section hereof.
- The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix the Seal of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin.

Read a first, second, and third time	e and finally passed this 20th day of March, 2020
Duncan McPhail	Jana Nethercott
Mayor	Clerk



The Corporation Of The Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2020-31

Being a By-Law to Delegate Certain Duties as Required During a Declared Pandemic Period

Whereas Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25,* as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws to exercise its municipal powers; and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin has deemed it expedient to delegate certain duties during a declared Pandemic Period;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

- 1. That, in the event that the Council may not be able to meet the requirements for quorum under the Municipality's Procedural By-law No. 2018-43, during a declared pandemic period, the Chief Administrative Officer (or designate in his/her absence) is hereby delegated the authority to take all actions on behalf of the Council that are permitted to be done under the Municipal Act and subject to the limitations under and subject to Sections 23.1, 23.2, and 23.3 during any period that the Council is restricted from taking these actions under the Township's Procedural By-law due to a lack of quorum for meetings. The Chief Administrative Officer (or designate in his/her absence) is required to report to the Council regarding any exercise of this delegated authority.
- 2. That this By-law and the delegation contemplated herein may be revoked at any time by the Council and shall be null and void no later than the end of the term of this Council.
- 3. That, in the event of a conflict between any municipal by-law, this By-law shall apply.
- 4. That the delegation in the By-law is subject to any restrictions on such delegation under the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25,* as amended.
- 5. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof.

Duncan McPhail	Jana Nethercott

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of March, 2020