



# **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk

Date: August 18, 2025

Subject: Procedure By-Law 2025-0050 Amendment

#### **Recommendation:**

That staff be directed to provide public notice that it is the intention of Council to consider the adoption of an amendment to Procedure By-law 2025-0050 at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 16, 2025.

### **Background:**

<u>Section 238 (2)</u> of the Municipal Act requires that every municipality and local board shall pass a Procedure By-Law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings.

The Township of North Kawartha is governed by Procedure By-Law 2025-0050

#### Analysis:

At the July 15, 2025 Regular meeting of Council Procedure By-law 2025-0050 was approved by Council. Since that time recommendations available in a Ministry document: Continuity of Decision-Making; a Toolkit for Municipalities, Version 2.0 includes Emergency Meeting Provisions and recommends updating municipal procedural by-laws to include a provision that allows for the head of council (or designate) to call an emergency meeting without giving the standard public notice that usually applies to council meetings. It is proposed to update Section 10 Notice by adding the following Section 10.6 Notice – Emergency Meetings.

## **Section 10. 6 Notice -Emergency Meetings**

1) No public notice is required for an Emergency Meeting

## **Township of North Kawartha**



For the purposes of this section, an Emergency meeting refers to an emergency within the meaning of the Emergency Response Plan.

This amendment will provide an opportunity to correct Section 11.5 Repeal, which inadvertently stated: By-law 2022-0016 and any previous procedure by-laws of the Township of North Kawartha or former Townships of Burleigh-Anstruther and Chandos be repealed. This section should read By-Law 2023-0075 and any previous procedure by-laws of the Township of North Kawartha or former Townships of Burleigh-Anstruther and Chandos be repealed.

### **Financial Implications:**

Not applicable.

### Strategic and/or Other Plans:

#### Governance

- 1. Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance
- 2. Provide quality community programs and services

#### In Consultation With:

Connie Parent, Clerk

#### Attachment:

By-law 2025-0050

**Draft Amending By-Law**