

Motion No. **2022 - 03/22**

Moved by J. Bradley

Seconded by J. Leiper

WHEREAS the 2022-2026 Council Governance Review report recommends the continuation of electronic participation in hybrid City Council, Standing Committee and Sub-Committee meetings, noting that, “Hybrid meetings allow Members, staff, and the public to participate in a manner that is safe and effective for them,” following the implementation of electronic participation and the hybrid format as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Board of Health, the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) and the Ottawa Public Library Board (OPLB) play important roles with respect to municipal matters further to the City of Ottawa Act, 1999 and their respective statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS as separate statutory “local boards,” the Ottawa Board of Health, OPSB and OPLB are not required to follow the City of Ottawa’s Procedure By-law with respect to meeting proceedings, and may decide to hold their meetings in virtual, in-person and/or hybrid formats, subject to any applicable legislative requirements; and

WHEREAS holding hybrid board meetings would provide for safe and effective participation by board members, staff and members of the public, and increase accessibility and engagement with respect to these key local boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ottawa City Council request that the Ottawa Board of Health, the Ottawa Police Services Board and the Ottawa Public Library Board allow electronic participation in meetings and hold hybrid board meetings as the standard format during the 2022-2026 term of Council, with virtual meetings on an as-needed basis, including but not limited to emergency special meetings.

Carried