

## Document 3 - Declaration of Emergency

**Office of the City Clerk**  
**Declaration of Emergency**  
**pursuant to Section 53 *Municipal Elections Act, 1996***

WHEREAS Section 12 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that the City Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the municipal election and may provide for any matter or procedure that in the City Clerk's opinion is necessary or desirable for conduction the election; and

WHEREAS the City Clerk may declare an emergency in accordance with Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* if he is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted and upon declaring such emergency the City Clerk shall make such arrangements as he considers advisable for the conduct of the election, consistent with the principles of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and

WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Clerk declared an emergency under the authority of Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* on July 15, 2020 for the purposes of the Ward 19 (Cumberland) by-election; and

WHEREAS the City Clerk has determined that the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to give rise to a situation that would prevent the by-election in Ward 4 (Kanata North) to be conducted in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and that the emergency declaration must be continued in order to carry out the Ward 4 (Kanata North) by-election;

THEREFORE, as City Clerk of the City of Ottawa, I hereby declare that an emergency continues to exist in the City of Ottawa, under the authority of Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will make such arrangements as I consider necessary for the conduct of the Ward 4 (Kanata North) by-election.

DATED at the City of Ottawa as at the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

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M. Rick O'Connor  
City Clerk