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By-law to Authorize Electronic and Telephonic Attendance and Voting at Meetings of the Owners

[CCC No. 377 - Proposed By-law No. 11]

Explanation Note

This by-law will allow the Board to make arrangements for owners (and their proxies) to attend and vote (at any given meeting) by electronic or telephonic means. [In most cases, this would mean that owners would be permitted to attend (and also vote) at the meeting by way of audio conference or video conference, and typically with a coincident ability to vote on some matters by email or some other electronic or telephonic method of voting.]

This by-law is recommended for the following reasons:

- I. **This by-law will make it easier in the future to accommodate those who wish to actually attend a meeting (such as an AGM) – meaning that they don’t wish to attend or vote by proxy – but they either can’t or don’t wish to attend the meeting in person.**
- II. **As virtual meeting becomes more and more mainstream (and very often necessary), these sorts of by-laws are becoming more and more common in condominiums across Ontario.**
- III. **The province’s emergency order in council shows that the government recognizes a virtual meeting as an appropriate way of achieving business any time it is unsafe or cumbersome to meet in person; *but the province’s order is only temporary*. A by-law is necessary to continue the authorization beyond the current emergency.**