

## THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

POLICY TITLE: COVID-19 MEETING POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2020

SUPERSEDES: Policy adopted July 15, 2020 (Council Resolution #175/20)

APPROVAL: Council Resolution #10/21

### **PURPOSE:**

**To amend Council's policy regarding public participation in Council Meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic to reflect current Provincial Health Orders.**

### **POLICY:**

Village of New Denver Council will require members of the press and the public to participate remotely in open meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with the guidelines set by the Provincial Health Officer.

### **Scope:**

This policy will apply to all meetings of the Council of the Village of New Denver.

### **PROCEDURE:**

In order to comply with the guidelines set by the Provincial Health Officer, no members of the public or the press may attend meetings in Council Chambers.

Members of the public or the press wishing to participate in Council Meetings are encouraged to do so remotely via telephone or video conferencing.

In order to ensure openness, transparency and accessibility, draft agenda packages for Regular Council Meetings will be posted publicly on the Village's website on the Friday afternoon before the meeting. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding items on the agenda up until 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. These comments will be presented to Council during the "Public Comments" portion of the meeting.