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**Subject:** FW: Vacation / Council meetings

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Hi Eleanor & Kim,

My wife and I are considering a vacation for 20 days, between Feb 2 – Feb 22.

However, the following council meetings are scheduled for this period.

February 2 6:30 PM budget meeting

February 9 6:30 PM budget meeting

February 14 all day executive/regular meeting

February 22, 7:00 PM regular council meeting

Can I attend these 4 meetings virtually.

The NS Municipal Government Act states ...

*Virtual meetings*

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*(2) Where a procedural policy of the council so provides, a council member or council committee member may participate in a council meeting or council committee meeting through electronic means if*

*(a) the electronic means enables the public to see and hear the member as the meeting is occurring;*

*(b) the electronic means enables all meeting participants to see and hear each other; and*

*(c) any additional requirements established by regulation have been met.*

*(3) A council member participating in a council meeting or council committee meeting by electronic means is deemed to be present at the meeting.*

Our COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY states...

*3.10 Web conferencing is not to be used for Councillors to attend meetings remotely, when Council is meeting in Council Chambers, without the expressed consent of Council to permit the Councillor to join remotely*

1. Are there any other laws or policy that are applicable?
2. Does MEH have the technology to enable a councilor to attend regular and committee meetings virtually?

If MEH has the technology to enable a councilor to attend regular and committee meetings virtually, and this possibility exists I would like to request the expressed consent of council to attend the above 4 meetings virtually.

If I am permitted to attend these 4 meetings virtually, I will read all the applicable material, prepare and participate fully, as if I were there in person.

Once determined, let me know.

Thanks



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