



Declaration of Emergency

Pursuant to Section 53, Municipal Elections Act, 1996

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020 pursuant to Ontario Order in Council 518/2020 (O.Reg. 50/20), in accordance with Section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, 1990, an emergency has been declared throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS an emergency has also been declared throughout the Town of Pelham by the Mayor of the Town of Pelham on April 3, 2020, in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, 1990;

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

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

AND WHEREAS given the ongoing global novel coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19, and subsequent emergency declarations associated thereto, the Clerk has determined that circumstances are such so as to prevent the by-election in Ward One to be conducted in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 and that various special adaptations are necessary to address public health guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE I, Nancy J. Bozzato, Town Clerk, Town of Pelham, hereby declare that an emergency exists in the Town of Pelham, under the authority of Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, and I will make such arrangements as I consider necessary for the conduct of the Ward One municipal by-election, which shall be consistent with the principles of the Act.

Dated at the Town of Pelham this 28th day of July, 2020.

Nancy J. Bozzato, Town Clerk