



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 4, 2021**

Date: January 29, 2021

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Remote Participation during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Recommendations:

1. That Council directs staff to prepare amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw to introduce the following requirements for remote participation by Council Members during the Covid-19 pandemic:
 - (a) Council members will establish a video link when speaking during a council or committee meeting; and
 - (b) Council members will notify Legislative Services staff when they leave a virtual meeting room during a meeting, to ensure proper record-keeping of remote participation.
2. That Council directs staff to align these amendments and broader policies around Remote Participation within the organization with the City of Victoria's Climate Leadership Plan, mitigating ecological impacts associated with remote participation (see the attached scientific study on these impacts).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

Attachment:

1. Renee Obringer et al., "The Overlooked Environmental Footprint of Increasing Internet Use," *Resources, Conservation and Recycling*, vol. 167 (April 2021).