

BILD Members,

As we at BILD continue to provide members with the most up-to-date information available on a daily basis, we wanted to ensure members were informed that we have been paying close attention to the way municipalities are currently hosting Council, Committee and Statutory Public meetings; with the specific intent to understand how delegations or written public input would be addressed within these respective meetings.

For the ease of reference for our members, [BILD has consolidated our findings](#) of Regional and Municipal public engagement processes as it relates to Council, Committee and Statutory Public Meetings. Please note, due to the rapidly changing situation, the information contained within this document is subject to change without notice.

Through our GTA and Simcoe sweep of the interim protocols, we have noted the following general findings:

- As of today, the 905 Regions and their respective local area municipalities, including Simcoe, have started livestreaming Council/Committee meetings, or have a clear timeline for future meetings in the upcoming weeks;
 - Each jurisdiction has a specific set of protocols outlining how the public is able to participate within these meetings moving forward. All of these details are outlined in BILDs condolidated findings, linked above;
- The City of Toronto will be hosting [a Special City Council meeting](#) on Thursday, April 30th to consider amendments to the Council Procedures or municipal emergency and to authorize local boards of the City to amend their own procedures to permit electronic participation in meetings during emergencies without the need for further Council approval. As a reminder, Council and Committee meetings in Toronto have been cancelled until May 4th;
- As these jurisdictions are easing into these new protocols around their respective Council/Committees, a clear process outlining Statutory Public Meetings has not yet been identified in almost all jurisdictions. For those areas where we are aware that the conversation has started in this regard are as followed:
 - The City of Markham has mentioned that they are looking into ZOOM to host Virtual Statutory Public Meetings;
 - The City of Burlington is currently looking into the best way to host Public Meetings and will update their Council accordingly;
 - On April 27th the Town of Whitby will be hosting their first [Virtual Statutory Public Meeting](#);
 - Please note, BILD anticipates that in the upcoming weeks, municipalities will begin to schedule virtual statutory public meetings through livestream. We will continue to update members in this respect.

As a friendly reminder, [BILD's website](#) contains the most recent updates to members including any relevant provincial bulletins, the status and actions of any municipalities/regions as it pertains to your operations and bulletins/notices from our partner organizations. BILD staff is monitoring the situation closely and making updates as new information comes along.