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From: Jennifer Marshall
Sent: May 8, 2025 11:33 AM
To: John Mascarin
Subject: RE: Follow up to presentation

Thank you, John for confirming! That is exactly what I was thinking too. I will be in touch if any other questions come up that I am uncertain about.

Regards,

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Good morning Jennifer,

It was my pleasure to attend and thank you for the invite.

Meeting quorum does not change as a result of the strong mayor powers in Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Under s. 237(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* quorum is a majority of the members of council:

Quorum
237 (1) A majority of the members of a municipal council is necessary to form a quorum with the following exceptions:
[exceptions not applicable]

Part VI.1 of the statute does not change the rule on quorum.

Part VI.1 simply requires or provides for various voting "majorities" but does not alter the meaning of quorum for meetings.

In your municipality, a meeting is properly constituted when a majority of the members of council (i.e. 4 out of 7 members) are present and the members significantly advance the business or decision-making of the municipality (i.e. the definition of "meeting" under s. 238(1)).

The mayor can meet with two (2) other members of council without contravening the open meeting rule. She cannot meet with three (3) other members to discuss council business or decision-making because that would create a majority of the members of council being present and achieve thus constitute a quorum for the purposes of the definition of "meeting".

Let me know if you would like to discuss.

John

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Hi John,

Thanks so much for attending our meeting tonight, it was well received by all of Council.

The one question the Mayor had was about quorum and if that definition now changes with Strong Mayor powers. Her example was, is she able to work/talk with two members of Council on a matter? Would that constitute a meeting? What if the matter would one day become a by-law the mayor proposes at a meeting that requires the one third vote and its those members who vote in favour?

Thanks in advance.

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