## **DISTRICT OF STEWART**

# **BYLAW NO. 822-2006**

A bylaw to amend the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 795-2004.

WHEREAS under Section 128 of the *Community Charter* a municipality may conduct a special council meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities and a member of council who is unable to attend may participate in the meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities:

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Stewart thinks it advisable to allow for electronic participation;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Stewart in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### Title

1.0 This bylaw shall be cited as the "Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 822-2006."

### **Council Procedure Bylaw**

2.0 The Council Procedure Bylaw is hereby amended by the insertion of the following as Section "8" in Part 2 – Council Meetings with the following sections re-numbered consecutively from 9 to 58.

### **Electronic Meetings**

- 3. (1) Provided the conditions set out in subsection 128(2) of the *Community Charter* are met,
  - (a) a special Council meeting may be conducted by means of visual and audio or audio electronic or other communication facilities;
  - (b) a member of Council who is unable to attend at a Council meeting may participate in the meeting by means of visual and audio or audio electronic or other communication facilities.
  - (2) The member presiding at a special Council meeting must not participate electronically.
  - (3) A quorum of Council must be present in person at the meeting place.
  - (4) Members who are participating by electronic means are deemed to be present at the meeting.
  - (5) Nor more than two (2) members of Council at one time may participate at a Council meeting under section 8(1)(b).

- (6) Members who are participating by electronic means must have received an agenda package prior to the start of the meeting.
- (7) Members may only participate by electronic means once per quarter of the calendar year with a maximum of three times per calendar year unless further participations are approved by Council by motion.
- (8) If the visual and audio or audio electronic or other communication facilities is disrupted or fails during the meeting, the Corporate Officer will note this in the minutes and if this disruption or failure results in the loss of a quorum, the meeting shall dissolve and the issue under discussion at the time shall be raised at the next meeting.

READ A FIRST TIME	this 8th day of Augus	st , 2006.	
READ A SECOND TIME	this <u>10th</u> day of <u>Octol</u>	<u>ber</u> , 2006.	
READ A THIRD TIME	this 10th day of Octob	<u>ber</u> , 2006.	
ADOPTED	this 14th day of Nove	rember_, 2006.	
Angela Brand Danuser		John Holland	
Mayor		Clerk	