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Maureen Hancharyk President Canadian Condominium Institute ccimanitoba@cci.ca

Dear Maureen Hancharyk:

Your recent letter to Honourable Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance has been referred to me for response. I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the extension of condominium meeting provisions.

Manitoba recently issued OIC 257/2020 – Order re Temporary Suspension of Corporate Meeting Provisions (2), which takes effect on October 1 and is scheduled to expire on March 30, 2021. Until March 31, 2020, condominium corporations can allow electronic attendance, delivery of notices and voting by other means, even if these meeting provisions are not part of their current bylaws.

Please note that OIC 257/2020 does not extend the time to hold an annual general meeting (AGM) past September 30, 2020. Scheduling and holding an AGM in a timely manner is an important democratic tool to ensure that condominium owners and their board have an opportunity to ask questions and make inquiries on key areas that are of mutual interest to all.

Many organizations are taking advantage of all of the tools available to them to continue to conduct their affairs through new approaches and innovative ways. Condominium corporations may wish to consider amending their bylaws to enable various meeting options, including virtual meetings that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

Again, thank you for your letter and I trust the information that I have provided will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Richard Groen Deputy Minister

c: Honourable Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance