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#### Township Council Meetings Adopting Hybrid Format to Start New Term

**December 12, 2022**—The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio is transitioning its council meetings to a hybrid format that will allow council members, staff, and the public to participate in-person within council chambers or virtually from a remote location.

“The hybrid setting provides for a safe environment to conduct meetings effectively while ensuring equitable representation, as well as the integrity of meetings for all participants and viewers with increased public transparency,” remarked Nelson Santos, Township CAO. “We have received numerous requests from the public to re-establish in-person council meetings and today, the Staff and Township Council is looking forward to bringing this to fruition.”

The adoption of the hybrid format begins this week in line with the commencement of the new council term. The first hybrid regular council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

“With the Township already equipped with Windows M365 platform, it seemed appropriate to pursue this Microsoft Teams Room addition to our operating environment,” explains IT Coordinator Charlene White. “This makes for easy collaboration for remote participants, in-person staff and council members to connect and engage regardless of location and time zone.”

To bring this online, the Township has made enhancements to its audio and visual equipment along with some reconfiguration around council chambers to ensure participants have a seamless experience. External vendors provided key expertise in these physical and technical installations and completed the works within the tight project timelines. “We are thankful for the work of Mtek Digital and Morrison Electric for their dedication in ensuring a smooth and safe transformation in our Council Chambers,” White added.

Members of the public can continue to access a live stream of Council meetings from their remote locations by visiting the [Municipal website agendas and meetings](#) section.

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