

**Direction of the Minister  
under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
(20-00X)

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, in addition to any other directives I have issued, I direct that, effective immediately:

1. A village commission shall not hold any statutorily required meeting of electors during the declared state of emergency and may postpone such meeting without penalty or recourse, provided that the meeting is held within a period of 90 calendar days after the last date of the declared state of emergency.
2. When a postponed meeting is rescheduled, notice of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting must be given in the manner and with the amount of advance notice which would have been required for the meeting if it had not been postponed.
3. If a village commission has not, by by-law, provided for the village commissioners to be elected on a day within one week following the annual meeting of the village commission, the election of village commissioners is postponed to the date of the rescheduled annual meeting.
4. If a village commission has, by by-law, provided for the village commissioners to be elected on a day within one week following the annual meeting of the village commissioners, the election of the village commissioner is postponed to such date as may be established by the village commission by resolution, which must be within one week following the rescheduled annual meeting.
5. If a village commission has, by by-law, provided for the nomination of candidates on a day preceding the day on which the election is to be held, the nomination day is postponed to such date as may be established by the village commission by resolution.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

**A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.**

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated May 20, 2020.

**Original signed by**

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing