

**Resolution 8A****DEEMED PRESENT AT COUNCIL MEETING (DEFEATED)**

⇒ Town of Mahone Bay

**WHEREAS** when the *Municipal Government Act* came into effect technology used at Council and committee meetings was not advanced as it is at present; and

**WHEREAS** current legislation is subject to interpretation in respect to if a member of Council or committee member is deemed to be present at a meeting if not physically in the meeting room but hooked up to the meeting by technical means; and

**WHEREAS** technology is rapidly changing and more issues could arise regarding attendance at meetings, a quorum, voting rights and in camera discussions; and

**WHEREAS** it is desirable to have clarity in legislation for the benefit of all municipalities across the province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM request the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations review the *Municipal Government Act* in respect to provisions that reflect present technology and to clarify in the *MGA* when a member of Council or Council committee member is deemed present at a meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum being permitted to be involved in the discussion and voting of an issue in an open meeting.