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**Declaration of Emergency
Pursuant to Section 53, Municipal Elections Act, 1996**

April 6, 2021

WHEREAS on April 1, 2021 Premier Ford announced a province-wide lockdown for twenty-eight days effective April 3, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, including Ward 2 of Norfolk County, has been primarily operating in an 'orange zone' of the provincial COVID-19 response framework prior to the province-wide lockdown for the duration of the by-election period;

AND WHEREAS Section 12 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that the Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the municipal election and may provide for any matter or procedure that in the Clerk's opinion is necessary or desirable for conducting the election;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk may also declare an emergency in accordance with Section 53 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, if they are of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted, and upon declaring such emergency the Clerk shall make such arrangements as they consider advisable for the conduct of the election consistent with the principles of the Act;

AND WHEREAS given the ongoing global novel coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19, and subsequent emergency declarations associated thereto, the Clerk has determined that circumstances are such so as to prevent the by-election in Ward Two to be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and that various special adaptations are necessary to address public health guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE I, Kevin Klingenberg, Acting County Clerk, Norfolk County, hereby declare that an emergency exists in Norfolk County, under the authority of Section 53 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and I will make such arrangements as I consider necessary for the conduct of the Ward Two municipal by-election, which shall be consistent with the principles of the Act.

Dated at the County Administration Building, Simcoe Ontario, this 6th day of April, 2021.

Kevin Klingenberg,
Acting County Clerk