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ELECTRONIC MEETINGS ARE NOW AN OPTION FOR STRATA CORPORATIONS

NEW WESTMINSTER –The BC provincial government has announced a legislative amendment, allowing strata corporations to conduct electronic general meetings.

The enactment indicates a strata corporation may provide for attendance, or voting in person or by proxy, at a strata property meeting by telephone or any other electronic method, if the method permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other during the meeting.

CHOA supports and recognises the efforts of our provincial government in enacting this amendment, as it will allow the critical business of a strata corporation to continue during this pandemic.

“This is good news for BC’s strata community” indicated Tony Gioventu, CHOA’s executive director, however “To lawfully facilitate and conduct a general meeting by an electronic method, which requires every eligible voter to be able to communicate with each other, your strata council and manager will still be required to meet the technical requirements of notice, registration, proxy certification and a voting method that meet the requirements of the *Strata Property Act* and the Bylaws of each strata corporation” he added.

It should be noted the enactment is temporary, and will only be in place during the current declaration of a state of emergency order. If a strata corporation wishes to conduct an electronic general meeting after the Order is lifted the strata will have to adopt an appropriate bylaw in accordance with *the Strata Property Act*.

The Condominium Home Owners Association (CHOA) is a non-profit association that assists the entire strata industry throughout BC. CHOA promotes the interests of strata property owners by providing advisory services, education, resources, and support for its members and the strata community at large. For more information visit the CHOA website at: www.choa.bc.ca