the opinion of the Council, expressed by Resolution in writing, the public interest requires.

- 142. A majority of the whole number of members required Quorum. by law to constitute the Council shall form a quorum.
- 143. When a Council consists of only five members, the In Councils of concurrent votes of at least three shall be necessary to carry five, three must any resolution or other measure.
- 144. Every Council may adjourn its meetings from time Adjournments. to time.

WHO TO PRESIDE IN COUNCIL.

145. The head of every Council shall preside at the meet- The Heads to ings of Council, and may at any time summon a special preside in meeting thereof, and it shall be his duty to summon a special meeting whenever requested in writing by a majority of the Council.

146. In case of the death or absence of the head of a Town When Reeve Council, the Reeve, and in case of the absence or death of both or Deputy of them, the Deputy Reeve; and in case of the death or side. absence of the head of a village or township Council, the Deputy Reeve shall preside at the meetings of Council, and may at any time summon a special meeting thereof; but if there be more than one Deputy Reeve, the Council shall determine which of them shall preside at their meeting; and in case of the death or removal of any member of a Municipal Corporation, an election shall take place as soon thereafter as possible, to fill such vacancy.

147. In the absence of the head of the Council, and in the Absence of case of a town, village or township, in the absence also of the Head provided for. Reeve, if there be one, and also of the Deputy Reeve or Deputy Reeves if there be one or more, by leave of the Council, or from illness, the Council may, from among the members thereof eligible to be elected head, appoint a presiding officer, who, during such absence, shall have all the powers of the head of the Council.

148. If the person who ought to preside at any meeting Casual absence does not attend within a reasonable time after the hour provided for. appointed, the members present may appoint a chairman from amongst themselves, and such chairman shall have the same authority in presiding at the meeting as the absent person would have had if present.

149. The head of the Council, or the presiding officer or Head to vote. Chairman of any meeting of any Council, may vote with the Presumitur other members on all questions, and any question on which case of ties. there is an equality of votes shall be deemed to be negatived.