

DATE OF MEETING    APRIL 22, 2024

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SUBJECT             AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To present amendments to the Council Procedure Bylaw resulting from Bill 44, Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023 as it relates to Public Hearings and other housekeeping amendments.

### **Recommendation**

That:

1. "Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, 2024 No. 7272.04" (a bylaw to include amendments resulting from Bill 44 as it relates to Public Hearings and other housekeeping amendments) pass first reading.
2. "Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, 2024 No. 7272.04" pass second reading.
3. "Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, 2024 No. 7272.04" pass third reading.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 2024-MAR-11, Staff presented the Governance and Priorities Committee with proposed amendments to Council's Procedure Bylaw as it relates to Public Hearings and delegations resulting from *Bill 44, Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023* and other housekeeping amendments (see Attachment 3). The recommendations from that meeting were forwarded to the 2024-MAR-18 Council meeting for final consideration through the Consent Items portion of the agenda. During that meeting, Council had additional questions regarding delegations on rezoning bylaws at first reading when a public hearing is prohibited so the topic was referred back to the 2024-MAR-25 GPC for further clarification.

A further staff report to clarify that topic was provided to the 2024-MAR-25 GPC meeting (see Attachment 4). At that meeting, the Committee changed its vote on two of the recommendations previously endorsed at the 2024-MAR-11 GPC as it related to delegations on rezoning bylaws at first reading when a public hearing is prohibited but reaffirmed the remainder of the recommendations. All recommendations from that meeting were then ratified at the 2024-APR-08 Council meeting.

The next step in the process is to now provide Council with a bylaw amendment to Council's Procedure Bylaw that incorporates the direction provided at the 2024-APR-08 Council meeting (see Attachment 1). For Council's convenience, the amendments have also been included in the red lined version of the Council Procedure Bylaw so that Council can see what those amendments would look like incorporated within the consolidated bylaw (see Attachment 2). |

## **OPTIONS**

### **Option 1:**

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- By supporting the bylaw as presented, clarification will be provided as it relates to public hearings and delegations resulting from Bill 44, Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023 as well as other housekeeping amendments to the question period, minutes, public hearings, and committees section of the bylaw.

### **Option 2**

That Council provide alternate direction.

- Should Council wish to recommend further amendments, other than those outlined in the attached bylaw amendment, direction would be sought.
- Depending on the direction, a further Staff report may be required.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The Province made amendments to the *Local Government Act* (Section 464) which affects when a local government can hold a public hearing.
- The new legislation requires amendments to be made to Council's Procedure Bylaw as it relates to delegations in the absence of a public hearing.
- Council adopted proposed revisions to the Council Procedure Bylaw during the 2024-APR-08 Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – “Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7272.04”

Attachment B – Council Procedure with Proposed Amendments – red line version

Attachment C - |

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