

Proposed Rules for Suspension

It is recommended that City Council suspend the following rules set out in the Council Procedures Bylaw (“Bylaw”) until Administration returns with a revised Bylaw in 2022:

13 Councillors may attend and participate in meetings using communication facilities in accordance with Schedule A.

36 Except during a public hearing, if a person is unable to attend a Council or Standing Committee meeting for any of the reasons described in Schedule A they may participate as a speaker using a communication facility.

Schedule A

2. A Councillor may only participate in a Council, Standing Committee, or Council Committee meeting using a communication facility if: (a) the Councillor is in a location outside of Edmonton for any reason; or (b) the Councillor is located in Edmonton, but is unable to attend a meeting for medical reasons of the Councillor or their immediate family; and the City Manager is present at the location specified in the meeting notice to ensure that Councillors participating by communication facility can be heard by all those present at the meeting.

3. A speaker may participate in a Council or Standing Committee meeting, except a public hearing required by an enactment, using a communication facility if: (a) the person is in a location outside of Edmonton for any reason; or (b) the person is located in Edmonton, but is unable to attend a meeting due to disability or other circumstances approved by the City Manager.

4. Any person participating in a meeting using a communication facility must: (a) notify the City Manager at least one business day in advance of the start of the meeting that they intend to participate using a communication facility; and (b) provide their contact and any other necessary information to the City Manager.

5. For any meeting where the City Manager has been advised that a person wishes to participate using a communication facility, the City Manager will, immediately after the meeting is called to order, advise the Chair of the items for which remote participation has been requested and suggest options to specify a time on the agenda for consideration of those items.

6. When the relevant item is about to be discussed, the City Manager will contact the Councillor or speaker using the contact information provided. Once connected to the meeting, the Chair will communicate with the Councillor or speaker as required.