

Remote Participation at Standing Committee Meetings

Waiving of Rules Set Out in the Council Procedures Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

That the following section of Bylaw 18155, Council Procedures Bylaw, be suspended until amendments to Bylaw 18155 are considered by City Council in First Quarter 2022:

14(3) Councillors participating in a Standing Committee meeting using communication facilities will only be counted towards quorum if another Councillor is present at the meeting location to act as an alternate if the communication facility fails.

Clerk's Note: A special resolution is required to pass the above motion. A special resolution means a vote where at least two-thirds of all members of Council (9 of 13) vote in favour of the motion.

Report Purpose

Council decision required.

REPORT

This report recommends suspension of section 14(3) of Bylaw 18155, Council Procedures Bylaw, to allow for greater flexibility for remote participation at Standing Committee meetings.

On July 5, 2021, City Council suspended sections 13, 36, and Schedule A, section 2 to 6, of Bylaw 18155 to facilitate remote participation and electronic meetings (Office of the City Clerk report OCC00711). The proposed suspension would allow for Councillors who are participating remotely at Standing Committee meetings to be counted towards quorum, as has been done throughout the pandemic.

In accordance with section 4 of Bylaw 18155, City Council may waive or modify the application of any part of Bylaw 18155 by special resolution, provided that such waiver or modification does not conflict with the *Municipal Government Act* or other enactment. A special resolution means a vote where at least two-thirds of all members of Council vote in favour of the motion (9 of 13).