

BYLAW 19874

To Amend Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 and Council Committees Bylaw 18156

RECOMMENDATION

That Bylaw 19874 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

This Bylaw amends the Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 and the Council Committees Bylaw 18156.

Readings

Bylaw 19874 is ready for three readings

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 19874 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

Amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 are recommended to provide updates to the City Council Public Hearing process and some house keeping amendments. Amendments to the Council Committee Bylaw 18156 are required to remove Inter-municipal and Regional Development Committee as a Standing Committee.

REPORT

Bylaw 18155, Council Procedures Bylaw, establishes procedures for the conduct of Council, Standing Committee and Council Committee meetings. Bylaw 18156, Council Committees Bylaw, prescribes the powers, duties and functions of the City’s Council Committees.

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Bylaw 18155, Council Procedures Bylaw, Recommended Changes

As per discussions with City Council to change the adjournment time of Council and Committee meetings it is recommended to amend section 8(1). This section outlines the timing for regularly scheduled meetings. "5:30 pm" will be replaced with "5:00 pm".

The purpose of the following changes is to ensure a timely and efficient public hearing that is consistent with other Council meetings (committees/other types of public hearings) while maintaining the core principles of access, public participation to open government and procedural fairness.

Delete section 53(1)(d) and replace it with "following each panel of speakers, Councillors may ask questions of any speaker on the panel;"

Delete section 53(1)(g) and replace with "the Chair will allow an opportunity for any Councillor to ask questions of any speaker in response to information that has arisen during the public hearing."

Add Section 53 (1.1) "Unless otherwise directed by the Chair, speakers in favour of the item will be heard in a panel and speakers opposed to the item will be heard in a panel."

Bylaw 18156, Council Committees, Recommended Changes

Delete sections 13(g), 15(4)(d) and 18(g) which will remove the need for the Inter-municipal and Regional Development Committee

Section 14(4) is amended by deleting "and Inter-Municipal and Regional Development Committee".

Section 15(1) is amended by deleting and replacing "Executive Committee, and Inter-municipal and Regional Development Committee" with "and Executive Committee".

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw 19874 - Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 and Council Committees Bylaw 18156 Amending Bylaw

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

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