

BYLAW 20868 - Council Procedures Bylaw Amendment

Recommendation

That Bylaw 20868 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the Council Procedures Bylaw, 18155, to provide for alternating panels of in favour and opposed speakers, and other clarifying amendments.

Readings

Bylaw 20868 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 to third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20868 be considered for third reading.”

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the April 23/24, 2024, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. That City Council modify sections 53(1)(b) and (c) of the Council Procedures Bylaw, Bylaw 18155, during the Council meeting dedicated to District Planning commencing on May 27, 2024, so that speakers in favour, in panels as appropriate, alternate with speakers opposed, in panels as appropriate.
2. That Administration prepare bylaw amendments to Bylaw 18155 Council Procedures Bylaw to formalize the modified procedure outlined in Part 1 for all statutory public hearings.

REPORT

Bylaw 20868 formalizes Council’s decision to modify the existing public hearing procedures in the Council Procedures Bylaw, Bylaw 18155, from having all panels of speakers in favour of an item present before all panels of speakers in opposition, to an alternating pattern between speakers in favour and opposed.

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In addition, clarifying amendments are proposed to:

- implement the requirement created by Bill 20 for Council's Procedures Bylaw to permanently allow for electronic participation in statutory public hearings;
- more fully describe the possible outcomes prior to closing a public hearing; and
- include non-written (e.g. video, voicemail) correspondence to be received and processed by the City Manager on behalf of Council.

A redline of the proposed amendments is included in Attachment 2.

Community Insight

Bylaw 20868 proposes amendments to Council's procedures as directed by Council, required by law, or for clarity. No community engagement was conducted or required for this report.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 20868
2. Bylaw 18155 REDLINE [Excerpts]

Others Reviewing the Report

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