

## Bylaw 15467 Amendments to the Audit Committee Bylaw 15310

### Purpose

To amend the *Audit Committee Bylaw 15310* to change the appointment of Councillors from one year to a three-year term.

### Readings

Bylaw 15467 is ready for three readings

This Bylaw is authorized under the *Municipal Government Act*. 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 15467 be considered for third reading."

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the October 28, 2010, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare amendments to the *Audit Committee Bylaw 15310* to change the appointment of Councillors for the three-year Council term.

At the December 16, 2009, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Section 13 of Bylaw 15310 - Audit Committee Bylaw, be

reviewed upon completion of the Governance Review.

### Report

- In 2008, Audit Committee and Council began debating the merits of changing the composition of the Committee to include two external members for a two or three-year term, and appointing Councillors for a similar length of time.
- In early 2009, Council changed the composition of Audit Committee to include two external members at large. The decision to change Councillor appointments to a three-year term was postponed until after Council's discussion on its governance structure.
- Based on Council's discussion at its October 28, 2010, meeting, Council directed administration to prepare a bylaw amendment to establish Councillor appointments for their three-year term.

### Highlights of Bylaw 15467

#### Consecutive Terms

- Bylaw 15467 allows Council to appoint Councillors to the Audit Committee for consecutive three-year terms, to a maximum of six years.
- No limit on time: If Council wishes to place no limits on the amount of time a Councillor may serve on this Committee, Council will need to make the following motion:

That section 6 of Bylaw 15467 be deleted and the remainder of sections in the bylaw consecutively renumbered.

- No limit on time, but limit successive terms: If Council wants Councillors to be able to sit on the Committee for more than one term, but not successive terms, Council will need to make the following motion:

That section 6 of Bylaw 15467 be deleted and replaced with:

6 Section 13(7) is added:

(7) Councillors may not be appointed to the Committee for successive terms.

### **Chair and Vice Chair**

- The Mayor is the Chair of Audit Committee. The Vice Chair of Audit Committee is elected by Committee members at the first meeting of each year.
- If Council wishes for the Vice Chair to sit for the entire three-year term, Council will need to make the following motion:

That section 5 of Bylaw 15467 be deleted and replaced with:

5 Section 13(5) is amended by deleting everything after "Councillor" and replacing it with "to be Vice Chair at the Committee's first meeting following the meeting at which Council makes appointments to the Committee."

### **Policy**

The recommendations in this report comply with the *Municipal Government Act* and Procedures and Committees Bylaw 12300.

### **Corporate Outcomes**

The content of this report is consistent with City Council's Strategic Vision, Conditions of Success, in terms of ensuring organizational capacity, efficiency and consistency.

### **Justification of Recommendation**

Appointing Councillors to a three-year term will provide enhanced efficiency and consistency in membership to this Committee.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 15467
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments