



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.
2019-M-117

Staff
 Committee

Subject: Draft Procedural By-Law

Agenda Date: July 25, 2019

Attachments: Draft Procedural By-Law

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-117;

AND FURTHER THAT Council, by further resolutions, direct Staff to edit the Draft Procedural By-Law and return the edited version at the next meeting.

INFORMATION

Earlier, the Draft Procedural By-Law was presented for Council's consideration. One area of concern was the removal of unregistered delegations from the draft.

By way of compromise, the one use of addendums to the agenda could deal with the formerly labelled 'unregistered delegations'. If we consider that the agendas for a Thursday meeting are published by the end of business on Monday, then we could receive names and topics from those who wish to address Council by Wednesday at 3:30 allowing for the list to be published as an addendum before the close of business on Wednesday. This would allow the public an opportunity to know what may be discussed and be in attendance should they choose. The Ombudsman notes that it is the public's right to be able to observe the proceedings and without providing any notice we may, in fact, be infringing on the rights of many to service the wants of a few.

By having the names of those who want to address Council and the topic they wish to address published the day before the meeting, people would then have the opportunity to review the agenda and address Council prior to recommendations being considered and decisions made. The other benefit is that Council could engage in a dialogue as notice would have been provided. Presently, Council is limited in their response and, with strict adherence to notice provisions, cannot even direct Staff to place an item on a future agenda.

The other change from the memorandum considered at the April 25th meeting deals with the number of meetings. Presently we are meeting on a bi-weekly basis. The result of this is that often the agenda needs to be prepared (in draft) for the next meeting before we have finished the administrative work from the last meeting. Moving to a three week schedule, as was once the case for the Municipality of Temagami, would allow time for work other than meeting preparation and follow up to be completed.

Please remember that altering the meeting schedule does not preclude the option of holding special meetings as the need arises.

At the meeting of July 25th, changes to the draft Procedural By-Law can be made by Resolution with the changes to be completed and an edited draft By-Law ready for Council's consideration at the first meeting in August. Once the draft has been accepted then the By-Law will be placed on the next agenda for Council's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted:
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