



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2019-M-001

Memorandum to Council

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Staff

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Committee

Subject: Governance Model

Agenda Date: December 13, 2018

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Temagami directs Staff to amend the Procedural By-Law establishing two meetings of Council each month, being the second and fourth Thursdays with no Committee of the Whole meetings;

AND FURTHER THAT included in the agenda for each meeting would be a Question Period with guidelines established to respect the notice provisions requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT the January meetings of Council be set as January 10th and January 24th.

INFORMATION

There are many different models for governance employed by municipalities in Ontario. One of the more efficient of these is having two Council meetings each month with the first being more administrative and procedural and the second being more operational in focus. With reports direct to Council, all Members would receive the information at the same time and in a format by which decisions could be made when the reports first appear on a Municipal Agenda. As well, should decisions be deferred, the waiting time for consideration of the deferred item is shorter than a month for the next meeting.

Augmenting the two Council meetings each month would also be special meetings as the need arises. The procedures for the calling and timing of special meetings would be consistent with those presently in the Procedural By-Law. Also, the utilization of subject specific Ad Hoc Committees are available for use by Council as the need arises.

One of the key activities in any municipality is addressing public concerns. While there can be town hall meetings established where an open dialogue is the item of the day it is also important to provide the Public an opportunity to question items as decisions are made. The one danger with an open question period during a Council meeting is the chance that a discussion could start on a subject where no notice has been provided of this intent. A way to have a Question Period and also respect the notice provisions is to permit questions related to items on the agenda to be answered while question on items not on the agenda would be collected with the answer provided at the next meeting of Council which allows notice to be given.

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