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Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Procedure Bylaw

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MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
BYLAW NO. 1041, 2020
PROCEDURE BYLAW

BEING a bylaw of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in the Province of Alberta to regulate the proceedings of council and council committees

WHEREAS section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a council may pass bylaws in relation to the procedure and conduct of council and council committees;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in the Province of Alberta enacts as follows:

PART 1
INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

1. Short Title

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Procedure Bylaw”.

2. Definitions

2.1 In this Bylaw, any word or expression used in the Act has its statutory meaning unless otherwise specified in this section, and:

- (a) **“Act”** means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 and its regulations;
- (b) **“Administration”** means the Chief Administrative Officer and any other person who exercises a power, function or duty of the Municipality whether under delegation from the CAO or by any other authority or agreement;
- (c) **“Agenda Review Committee”** means the committee that reviews the draft agenda for the upcoming Council Meeting and is made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CAO.
Amended – Bylaw 1133, 2022, Adopted October 18, 2022.
- (d) **“Chair”** means the person who presides over a Council meeting or council committee meeting;
- (e) **“Chief Administrative Officer”** or **“CAO”** means the person appointed by Council as chief administrative officer within the meaning of the Act, or a person to whom the appointed CAO has delegated any CAO power, function or duty;
- (f) **“Council”** means the duly elected Council of the Municipality;
- (g) **“Delegation”** means any person other than Administration, who addresses Council at a Council meeting, but does not include a person who speaks at a Public Hearing;

- (h) **“Deputy Mayor”** means a Councillor who is appointed under subsection 152(1) of the Act;
- (i) **“In Camera”** means a meeting or portion of a meeting that is closed to the public in accordance with section 197 of the Act;
- (j) **“Mayor”** means the chief elected official of the Municipality;
- (k) **“Motion”** means a formal proposition put forward by a Councillor in attendance at a meeting with the intention that it be put to a vote;
- (l) **“Municipality”** means the municipal corporation of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass;
- (m) **“Notice of Motion”** means the informing of councillors, in writing, of the intent to put a new Motion forward at a subsequent Council meeting;
- (n) **“Notice of Public Hearing”** means a formal notice issued by the Chief Administrative Officer to announce the date, place, time and purpose of a Public Hearing;
- (o) **“Point of Order”** means the raising of a question by a Councillor to call attention to any deviation from a provision of this Bylaw or any other bylaw, statute or regulation, or to any procedural matter that according to this Bylaw must be raised by way of Point of Order;
- (p) **“Point of Privilege”** means a matter affecting the rights and privileges of Council collectively or of individual councillors;
- (q) **“Public Hearing”** means a meeting of Council, or a dedicated portion of a meeting, for the purpose of complying with section 230 of the Act; and
- (r) **“Resolution”** means a motion which has been voted on and carried by Council.

3. Rules of Interpretation

- 3.1 The headings in this Bylaw are for guidance purposes and convenience only.
- 3.2 Every provision in this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 3.3 In this Bylaw, a citation of or reference to any enactment of the Province of Alberta or of Canada, or of any other bylaw of the Municipality, is a citation of or reference to that enactment or bylaw as amended, whether amended before or after the commencement of the enactment or bylaw in which the citation or reference occurs.

4. Application

- 4.1 This Bylaw shall govern the proceedings of Council.
- 4.2 This Bylaw shall govern the proceedings of council committees, subject to the following:

- (a) a reference in this Bylaw to a “Councillor” is, in the context of a council committee meeting, deemed to include a member of the public who is appointed by Council as a member of that council committee;
 - (b) a rule or procedure established by this Bylaw that is specifically stated to apply to council committees, or to a specific council committee, shall prevail over a rule or procedure of more general application contained in this Bylaw; and
 - (c) a specific rule or procedure set out in a council committee’s governing bylaw shall, in the event of a conflict, prevail over a rule or procedure of more general application contained in this Bylaw.
- 4.3 When any matter relating to the proceedings of Council or council committees is not addressed in the Act or in this Bylaw, the provisions of the most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern the matter.
- 4.4 In the event of conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, the provisions of this Bylaw shall prevail.

PART 2 COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5. Organizational Meeting of Council

- 5.1 An organizational meeting of Council must be held annually within two weeks after the third Monday in October at a date and time set by Council, except in the year of a general election when the Chief Administrative Officer shall determine the date and time for the organizational meeting.
- 5.2 At or before the first organizational meeting of a Council term, all councillors must take the official oath prescribed by the *Oaths of Office Act* before dealing with any Council business.
- 5.3 At the organizational meeting, Council must by Resolution:
- (a) establish a Deputy Mayor roster for the following year whereby each councillor shall serve a 2 month term as Deputy Mayor on a rotational basis;
 - (b) make appointments to council committees and other agencies and boards to which a liaison is appointed, subject to any bylaw that provides for an alternate date for the making of appointments to a specific body; and
 - (c) deal with any other business described in the notice of the meeting.
- 5.4 Seating in the Council chambers shall be re-assigned immediately prior to each organizational meeting, with seat selection to occur via random draw conducted by the Chief Administrative Officer.

6. Regular Meetings

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- 6.1 Regular meetings of Council will be held in the Council chambers at the municipal office on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm, and on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 1:00pm, unless cancelled by Resolution of Council. **Amended – Bylaw 1049, 2020, Adopted April 21, 2020.**
- 6.2 The schedule of regular meetings of Council will be posted on the municipal website and the date, time and location of special meetings of Council will be posted on the municipal website as soon as practicable after that information is available.
- 6.3 Council or the Chief Administrative Officer may reschedule a regular meeting of Council. **Amended – Bylaw 1049, 2020, Adopted April 21, 2020.**
- 6.4 The Agenda Review Committee has the authority to cancel an upcoming Council meeting if there are no emergent items or a limited number of agenda items. **Amended – Bylaw 1133, 2022, Adopted October 18, 2022.**
- 6.5 If there are changes to the date, time or place of a regular meeting, including cancellation, the Chief Administrative Officer must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change to all councillors and post the notice on the municipal website. **Amended – Bylaw 1049, 2020, Adopted April 21, 2020.**

7. Special Meetings

- 7.1 The Chair may call a special meeting of Council at any time in accordance with section 194 of the Act. Where the Mayor receives a written request for a special meeting, stating its purpose, from a majority of the councillors, such meeting shall be scheduled within 7 days of receiving the request.
- 7.2 The date, time and location of a special meeting of Council will be posted on the municipal website as soon as practicable after that information is available.
- 7.3 If there are changes to the date, time or place of a special meeting, including cancellation, the Chief Administrative Officer must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change to all councillors and post the notice on the municipal website.

8. Council Committee Meetings

- 8.1 Council committee meetings will be held at the call of the Chair of each respective council committee at the date, time and place set out in the public notice of the council committee meeting.

9. Chair

- 9.1 The Mayor is the Chair of Council meetings. If the Mayor is absent the Deputy Mayor shall take the Chair. In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the CAO shall begin the meeting by calling for a motion for the appointment of a Chair from among the councillors present.
- 9.2 The Chair of a council committee meeting is the person appointed as Chair in accordance with the provisions of the bylaw establishing the council committee. If the Chair is absent, and an

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acting Chair has not been appointed, then the meeting shall begin with a call for a motion for the appointment of a Chair from among the members present.

10. Quorum

- 10.1 As soon as there is a quorum after the time fixed for a meeting, the Chair shall call the meeting to order.
- 10.2 If there is no quorum within 15 minutes after the time set for the meeting, the names of the councillors present shall be recorded and no meeting will take place on that date.
- 10.3 If at any time during a meeting quorum is lost, the Chair shall call a recess and if quorum is not achieved again within 15 minutes, the meeting will be adjourned.
- 10.4 The agenda for an adjourned meeting will be dealt with at the beginning of the next regular meeting, unless a special meeting is called before the next regular meeting to deal with the business of the adjourned meeting.

11. Attendance

- 11.1 If a councillor is unable to attend all or part of a meeting, including arriving after the start of a meeting or leaving before the meeting is adjourned, the councillor:
 - (a) must notify the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chair at least 24 hours in advance, or if exigent circumstances exist as soon as reasonably possible;
 - (b) must provide the general reason for the absence; and
 - (c) may request that the Chair announce the reason and expected duration of their absence during the meeting.

12. Electronic Participation at Meetings

- 12.1 No electronic participation shall be allowed in meetings. ***Amended – Bylaw 1148, 2023, Adopted March 28, 2023.***

13. Electronic Recordings and Devices

- 13.1 No member of the public may electronically record any portion of a Council or council committee meeting, unless a request is made prior to the commencement of the meeting and the Chair determines that electronic recording of the meeting by the public will be permitted.
- 13.2 All electronic devices must be in silent mode or turned off while a meeting is in progress.

**PART 3
AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

14. Agendas

- 14.1 The agenda for each Council meeting shall be prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at an Agenda Review Meeting. ***Amended – Bylaw 1213, 2024, Adopted December 17, 2024.***
- 14.2 Any councillor may submit an item for consideration of placement on a future Council meeting agenda. A councillor who submits an item for consideration that is not placed on a Council meeting agenda retains the right to present the item at the next council meeting and have it added to the agenda if a majority of council agrees or serve a Notice of Motion to compel debate and voting on the matter at a future meeting.
- 14.3 The agenda for all regular meetings of Council shall contain the following matters in the order in which they are listed below:
- (a) Call to Order
 - (b) Adoption of Agenda
 - (c) Consent Agenda
 - (d) Adoption of Minutes
 - (e) Public Hearings
 - (f) Delegations
 - (g) Requests for Decision
 - (h) Council Member Reports
 - (i) Public Input Period
 - (j) Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motions
 - (k) In Camera
 - (l) Adjournment
- 14.4 Once a meeting agenda has been published on the municipal website, it may only be modified by a Resolution when adopting the agenda at the meeting to which it applies.
- 14.5 The Chief Administrative Officer shall cause the regular meeting agenda and all associated reports, bylaws or other supporting documents to be provided first to all councillors and then posted on the municipal website, subject to any exceptions to public disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, on the Friday immediately preceding the

meeting to which the agenda relates. Supporting documentation that is received too late to be included with the agenda will be made available as soon as practicable thereafter.

15. Consent Agenda

- 15.1 The consent agenda portion of a meeting shall be reserved for non-controversial or routine items that may be moved and voted on without debate as one item, regardless of the number of reports included, to adopt all of the recommendations contained in the respective reports.
- 15.2 A councillor may request for any item to be removed from the consent agenda and placed on to the agenda for debate. Such request must be made before voting occurs on the consent agenda.

16. Minutes of Meetings

- 16.1 The Chief Administrative Officer shall, in accordance with section 208 of the Act, prepare or cause to be prepared minutes of each Council meeting and council committee meeting that include:
- (a) the type of meeting that was held, whether regular, special, or organizational;
 - (b) the date, hour and place of the meeting;
 - (c) the names of the councillors present at and absent from the meeting;
 - (d) the name of the Chair;
 - (e) the names of each member of Administration present at the meeting, including each person's title;
 - (f) an item that corresponds with every item on the agenda for that meeting;
 - (g) a Motion for each item on the agenda, as applicable;
 - (h) the names of members of the public who speak to an item;
 - (i) any abstentions made under the Act by any councillor and the reason for the abstention;
 - (j) the time of departure and return to the meeting of any councillor for any reason;
 - (k) the time the meeting is adjourned; and
 - (l) the signatures of the Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 16.2 At every regular meeting, the minutes of the previous regular meeting and any special meeting held more than 48 hours prior to the current meeting shall be considered for adoption.

**PART 4
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

17. Meetings in Public

- 17.1 Subject to section 47, all Council and council committee meetings shall be open to the public and no person may be excluded except for improper conduct as determined by the Chair.
- 17.2 Only councillors, the CAO and persons authorized by the Chair are permitted to come within the enclosure formed by the councillor's chairs during a Council meeting.
- 17.3 Only councillors or other persons recognized by the Chair or by a majority vote of the councillors present shall be allowed to address Council during a meeting.

18. Meetings Closed to the Public

- 18.1 Council and council committees may, in accordance with section 197 of the Act, close all or part of a meeting to the public if a matter to be discussed falls within one of the exceptions to disclosure as set out in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

19. Conduct of the Public at Meetings

- 19.1 During a meeting, members of the public must conduct themselves with proper decorum. The Chair may order any member of the public who disturbs the proceedings by words or actions or in any other manner to be expelled from the meeting.
- 19.2 The Chair may request the assistance of a peace officer if a person ordered expelled by the Chair does not leave the meeting voluntarily.

20. Delegations

- 20.1 A person may request to appear as a Delegation and make a presentation to Council, either on the person's own behalf or as a representative of a group or organization. The request must:
 - (a) be made in writing;
 - (b) include the name and contact information of the individual, and if applicable the group or organization, requesting to appear as a Delegation;
 - (c) clearly identify the reason or purpose of the request and provide a brief explanation of the subject to be addressed in the presentation; and
 - (d) be received by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 20.2 Delegation requests will be reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in preparing the agenda and the CAO shall notify the person requesting to appear as a Delegation whether the request has been:
 - (a) approved, and added to the meeting agenda;

- (b) approved, but deferred to a subsequent meeting agenda;
- (c) referred to Administration, if the matter is considered to be operational in nature; or
- (d) refused, if the matter is not considered to fall within the jurisdiction of Council or is otherwise deemed improper, and the CAO shall so advise Council why the request was refused.

- 20.3 Council must not permit a Delegation to address a meeting of Council regarding a proposed bylaw in respect of which a Public Hearing has been or will be held, where the Public Hearing is required under an enactment as a prerequisite to the adoption of the bylaw.
- 20.4 The use of presentation slide decks, maps, videos and other similar materials is permitted in a Delegation presentation, provided that the materials are forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer in advance of the meeting, and these materials become the property of the Municipality as part of the record of the proceedings.
- 20.5 Each presentation by a Delegation shall be limited to 15 minutes unless a longer period is agreed to by a vote of the councillors present at the meeting.
- 20.6 Upon being recognized by the Chair, a councillor may pose questions for clarification to a Delegation or the Chief Administrative Officer. Debate is not permitted at the Delegation stage.
- 20.7 Any question posed to Council by a Delegation may be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and it is not required that Council provide a response at that time.

21. Public Input Period

- 21.1 Public Input Period provides an opportunity for members of the public to make submissions to Council regarding municipal issues and for Council to receive submissions from members of the public for information or, where appropriate, for a subsequent response by either Council or Administration, as applicable. Members of Council shall limit their remarks to questions of clarification only recognizing that Public Input Period is reserved for members of the public to make submissions to Council. Debate of any kind is prohibited and shall be strictly enforced.
- 21.2 A person who makes submissions to Council during the Public Input Period must:
- (a) state their name and address for the record;
 - (b) confine their submissions to matters within the jurisdiction of Council;
 - (c) maintain proper decorum throughout their submissions; and
 - (d) speak for no more than 5 minutes.
 - (e) not speak on a topic in which they have spoken about within the last 3 months during Public Input.

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- 21.3 No written materials may be submitted, and no presentation slide decks, maps, videos or other similar materials may be used, during the Public Input Period.
- 21.4 Council must not permit a member of the public to address a meeting of Council during the Public Input Period regarding a proposed bylaw in respect of which a Public Hearing has been or will be held, where the Public Hearing is required under an enactment as a prerequisite to the adoption of the bylaw.

22. Communications from the Public

- 22.1 Written submissions from the public in response to an advertised Public Hearing must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer no later than 12:00 pm one week prior to the Public Hearing in order to be included in the Council agenda package and form part of the record of the Public Hearing. Written submissions must clearly identify the writer, including the writer's address, and must not be libelous, offensive or improper. Written submissions that are received after the deadline or that otherwise do not comply with this section will not be accepted.
- 22.2 Any written communication intended for Council that is not being submitted in response to an advertised Public Hearing shall be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer and must:
 - (a) identify the writer and the writer's contact information; and
 - (b) not be libelous, offensive or improper.

23. Responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Officer

- 23.1 If the standards set out in section 61 are met and the Chief Administrative Officer determines the communication is within the governance authority of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer shall deliver a copy of the correspondence to all councillors within a reasonable time by one or more of the following means:
 - (a) personally;
 - (b) by leaving a hard copy in the councillor's mail slot at the municipal office;
 - (c) via email;
 - (d) including a copy of the correspondence in the agenda package for an upcoming Council meeting, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- 23.2 If the standards set out in section 61 are met and the Chief Administrative Officer determines the communication is not within the governance authority of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer shall:
 - (a) refer the communication to Administration for a response to the writer and provide a copy of the original correspondence and the referral to the councillors; and
 - (b) take any other appropriate action on the communication.

23.3 If the standards set out in section 61 are not met, the Chief Administrative Officer may file the communication, without any action being taken, after advising Council of the CAO's determination and providing a brief explanation as to why the correspondence did not meet the standards.

24. Public Hearings

24.1 The procedure for conducting a Public Hearing is as follows:

- (a) the Chair will declare the Public Hearing open and advise of the process to be followed;
- (b) Administration will be called upon to introduce the item and provide a brief overview;
- (c) members of the public who wish to speak to the item may present;
- (d) after each speaker has spoken, any councillor may ask the speaker questions;
- (e) once all speakers have spoken any councillor may ask Administration questions; and
- (f) once all questions have been addressed, the Chair will declare the Public Hearing closed or may adjourn the Public Hearing so that it may be resumed at a future date.

24.2 A Public Hearing must be closed prior to second reading of a bylaw.

24.3 All speakers are required to provide their name, address and a brief explanation of the nature of their interest in the matter, after which they will be allocated a maximum of 5 minutes to present their position.

24.4 At the discretion of the Chair, or a vote of the majority of the members of council present, the time limits for speaking may be extended to ensure that all interested parties have had a fair and equitable opportunity to express their views.

24.5 No written submissions from the public will be accepted at the Public Hearing, but a member of the public will be given the opportunity to make a verbal presentation by reading their written submission.

24.6 The use of presentation slide decks, maps, videos and other similar materials is permitted in a Public Hearing, provide that the materials are forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer in advance of the Public Hearing, and these materials become the property of the Municipality as part of the record of the hearing.

PART 5 COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

25. Role of the Chair

25.1 The Chair will preserve order and decorum and decide all questions relating to the orderly procedure of the meeting, subject to an immediate appeal by a councillor from any ruling.

25.2 If a ruling of the Chair is appealed, the Chair will give concise reasons for the ruling and the councillor will be provided an opportunity to give concise reasons for the appeal, and Council will, without debate, determine by a show of hands whether to uphold or overturn the ruling. The Chair shall comply with the decision of the Council.

25.3 If the Chair wishes to leave the chair for any reason, the Chair must call on the Deputy Mayor, or in the Deputy Mayor's absence, the Acting Mayor, to preside.

26. Councillor Conduct

26.1 During a meeting, a councillor must:

- (a) only speak after being recognized by the Chair;
- (b) address the Chair when speaking;
- (c) refrain from using crude, vulgar, profane or offensive language, or disturbing the orderly business of the meeting in any way;
- (d) respect and follow all applicable procedural rules;
- (e) respect and obey all rulings of the Chair except in the case of an appeal of a Chair's decision that is upheld by Council;
- (f) refrain from leaving their seat or making any noise while a vote is being taken or the result declared;
- (g) refrain from re-entering the meeting while the vote is being taken, if absent from the meeting due to pecuniary interest;
- (h) refrain from interrupting other speakers, except to raise a Point of Order or a Point of Privilege;
- (i) reflect upon any vote, except for the purpose of moving that the vote be reconsidered; and
- (j) refrain from using any electronic device, except to access the meeting's agenda package electronically.

26.2 Councillors must make every attempt to remain in the Council chambers at all times during a meeting. If a Councillor must leave the Council chambers for a short time for personal reasons, the Councillor shall so indicate by a signal to the Chair which may be non-verbal, and upon acknowledgement by the Chair the councillor may leave the Council chambers while proceedings continue. In such case, the Chair shall avoid calling for a vote while the councillor is not present in the Council chambers and shall afford the councillor a reasonable time to return before any vote is taken.

26.3 If a councillor has temporarily left the meeting, other than for declaring a pecuniary interest, and a vote is about to be taken, the Chair shall recess the meeting for up to 10 minutes to allow

the councillor to return to the meeting to participate in the vote. If the councillor has not returned after 10 minutes, the Chair shall call the meeting back to order and the vote shall proceed.

27. Points of Order

- 27.1 When a Point of Order is called, the councillor calling the Point of Order must identify the procedural deviation.
- 27.2 The Chair may call to order any councillor who is out of order.
- 27.3 When a councillor persists in a breach of order, after having been called to order by the Chair, the Chair may declare the breach and name the offending councillor.
- 27.4 Unless the councillor who has been named by the Chair immediately apologizes for the breach and withdraws any objectionable statements, the Chair shall direct that the notation of the declaration of the breach and naming of the councillor be noted in the minutes.

28. Motions

- 28.1 A Motion relating to a matter not within the jurisdiction of Council is not in order.
- 28.2 A recommendation in a report does not constitute a Motion until a councillor has formally moved it.
- 28.3 A Motion does not require a seconder.
- 28.4 Once a Motion has been moved and accepted by the Chair, it may only be withdrawn with the consent of the majority of councillors present at the meeting.
- 28.5 The mover of the Motion may speak and vote for or against the Motion and once all councillors present have had the opportunity to speak to the motion the mover is entitled to speak in closing on the motion immediately prior to the vote.
- 28.6 Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, a Motion is passed when a majority of councillors participating in the meeting and entitled to vote have voted in favour of the Motion. A Motion put to a vote and not passed is defeated and does not result in a Resolution.
- 28.7 A matter not amounting to a Motion that is put to a vote of the Council in the same manner as a Motion, such as an appeal of a ruling of the Chair on a Point of Order, becomes an act of the Council if a majority of councillors present indicate support for it.
- 28.8 The Chair may participate in debate and vote on matters before Council, without relinquishing the Chair.
- 28.9 All councillors must be provided with an opportunity to speak to a Motion before any councillor is permitted to speak to the Motion a second or subsequent time.

28.10 Any councillor may require a Motion under debate to be re-read at any time during the debate if the Motion is not electronically displayed in the Council chambers but must not interrupt a speaker to do so.

28.11 When a Motion is under debate, no other Motion shall be made except to:

- (a) table, which means to cease discussion on the current topic to address another matter that the Councillor considers to be of greater urgency. A Motion to table is not debatable. If a Motion to table is passed, the Motion under debate is no longer debatable and a Motion to “lift from the table” is required to resume consideration of the matter. If not lifted from the table during the same Meeting, a tabled Motion expires at the end of that Meeting;
- (b) call for the question, which means to close debate and ask that a vote be taken on the Motion under debate. A Motion to call for the question is not debatable but is only in order if all councillors have had an opportunity to speak to the Motion under debate. If a Motion to call for the question is in order and passes, the Chair must put the Motion under debate to an immediate vote;
- (c) refer, which means to redirect a matter under consideration to another party, such as Administration or a Council committee. A Motion to refer must include instructions to the referral body and is debatable;
- (d) defer, which means to temporarily set aside a Motion under debate to a future Meeting. A Motion to defer must identify a timeline for the matter to be brought back to Council and is debatable;
- (e) amend, which means to modify the wording of a motion. An amending motion is debatable;
- (f) move In Camera; or
- (g) reconvene in public.

28.12 When an item is added to the agenda at a Council meeting, then the only motion that can be made, is for the item to be added to an upcoming agenda, where Council will then give the item consideration.

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29. Amending Motions

29.1 A councillor may only amend the councillor’s own Motion for the purpose of clarifying the Motion’s intent without affecting the substance of the Motion. The Chair may accept such a “friendly amendment” upon putting a request to that effect to the meeting and if no other councillor objects. A councillor may also propose such a “friendly amendment” to another councillor’s Motion, which may be accepted by the Chair if the other councillor agrees and no councillor objects.

- 29.2 A proposed amendment to a Motion under debate that changes the Motion under debate in any substantive way must take the form of a Motion to amend and is debatable. A Motion to amend must be relevant to the subject matter of the Motion under debate and must not propose a direct negative of the Motion under debate.
- 29.3 Only one amendment to the main Motion under debate may be before the meeting at any time, but a Motion to amend the proposed amendment may be before the meeting at the same time.
- 29.4 When a Motion to amend is on the floor, councillors may debate only the proposed amendment, not the main Motion under debate to which the amendment pertains.
- 29.5 An amendment to an amendment, if any, shall be voted upon before the Motion to amend. If no other amendment to the Motion to amend is proposed, the Motion to amend shall then be voted upon. Only after all Motions to amend have been put to a vote shall the main Motion under debate be put to a vote.

30. Splitting Motions

- 30.1 When a Motion under debate contains distinct propositions, at the request of any councillor on a Point of Order, the Chair shall call for separate votes on each proposition.

31. Voting Procedures

- 31.1 Votes on all Motions must be taken as follows:

(a) the Chair will ensure that the Motion to be voted upon is clear by either:

- i. confirming that the Motion is viewable by councillors, either in hard copy or electronically; or
- ii. by restating the Motion verbatim immediately prior to the vote.

(b) councillors must:

- i. vote by show of hands; or
- ii. vote verbally by stating “yes” or “no” to the Motion if participating via teleconference or other electronic means.

(c) The Chair will announce the result of the vote.

- 31.2 Once a vote has been called, no councillor will be given an opportunity to speak to the matter.

- 31.3 After the Chair declares the result of a vote, councillors may not change their votes.

32. Reconsideration

- 32.1 After a Motion has been voted upon, but before the meeting is adjourned, any councillor who voted with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of a previous Motion.

- 32.2 Debate on a Motion for reconsideration of a previous Motion must be confined to reasons for or against reconsideration of the previous Motion.
- 32.3 If a motion to reconsider a previous Motion is passed, such reconsideration shall become the next order of business despite the agenda for the meeting.
- 32.4 A councillor who voted with the prevailing side on a Motion may serve notice of intention to bring a Motion for reconsideration at a subsequent Council meeting; however, a motion for reconsideration is out of order if the original Motion has already been acted upon irrevocably.

33. Councillor Inquiries

- 33.1 At the designated time during a Council meeting, a councillor may request information from the Chief Administrative Officer about the operation or administration of the Municipality:
 - (a) verbally, if the councillor does not require a written response; or
 - (b) in writing, if the councillor requires a written response.
- 33.2 If the Chief Administrative Officer is unable to answer the request for information at the meeting, the CAO will endeavour to provide a response at the next regular meeting unless additional time is required to compile the requested information.
- 33.3 If the information requested by a councillor is not readily available and additional financial or other resources will be required in order to respond to a councillor's request for information then a Resolution of Council is required to approve such allocation of resources.

34. Notice of Motion

- 34.1 During each regular meeting of Council, the Chair will ask all councillors present if they wish to provide notice of a Motion to be made at a subsequent meeting.
- 34.2 A Notice of Motion must:
 - (a) be given at a regular Council meeting held at least 7 calendar days prior to the Council meeting at which the councillor intends to make the Motion introducing the new matter;
 - (b) be given in writing to all councillors present and to the Chief Administrative Officer;
 - (c) include the complete, precise text of the Motion to be considered; and
 - (d) state the date of the Council meeting at which the Motion will be made.
- 34.3 The giving of a Notice of Motion is not debatable and the Motion, precisely as stated in the Notice of Motion, will then appear on the applicable Council agenda.
- 34.4 A Notice of Motion can be withdrawn at any time in writing to all councillors. A copy of the withdrawal shall also be given to the Chief Administrative Officer.

35. Adjournment

35.1 A Motion to adjourn the Meeting is always in order except:

- (a) when another councillor has the floor;
- (b) when a vote on a Motion has been called for but not yet taken; or
- (c) when a vote on a Motion is in progress or has been completed but the Chair has not yet declared the results of the vote.

35.2 A Motion to adjourn the Meeting shall be put without comment or debate.

36. Repeal

36.1 Bylaw No. 923, 2015 and all amendments thereto are repealed.

37. Coming into Force

37.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it has received third reading and has been duly signed.

READ a **first** time in council this 07 day of January 2020.

READ a **second** time in council this 21 day of January 2020.

READ a **third and final** time in council this 21 day of January 2020.

Original Signed

Blair Painter
Mayor

Original Signed

Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer