

Amendment to The Meeting Procedures Bylaw

March 28, 2017

Background

- October 11, 2016:
 - Council directed Administration to prepare an amendment to Bylaw 20-2015 The Meeting Procedures Bylaw to address the voting process when electronic voting is not available
- November 29, 2016:
 - Administration presented a draft amending bylaw (49-2016)
 - A motion to give the bylaw first reading was made
 - The voting process was further discussed
 - The bylaw was referred back to Administration for further revisions based on Council's feedback

What We Heard



- Address issues around clarity (e.g. the recording of the vote in the minutes and process for objecting to a vote).
- Ensure that the current practice (i.e. Chair calls out each vote and declares result) is reflected in the bylaw.
- Exempt procedural motions from this process.
- Provide additional options (e.g. option for Councillors to state their vote verbally, treatment of unanimous votes).

New Proposed Amending Bylaw

- Bylaw 7-2017, if given three readings, will mean the following changes to the Meeting Procedures Bylaw:
 - New definition added for “Substantive Motion” → 2.32
 - Greater clarity for voting verbally when participating by a communication facility → 10.1(b)(iii)
 - Current practice of the Chair stating each Councillor’s vote and then declaring the result of the vote is now entrenched in the bylaw → 10.1(e.1)
 - Clarity on process when a voting member disagrees with the announcement of the vote result → 10.1(e.2) [NB: also required the deletion of 10.2(c)]
 - Clarity on the recording of the vote in the minutes → 10.1(f)

Possible Alternatives

Amendments to Bylaw 7-2017 could allow for the following options:

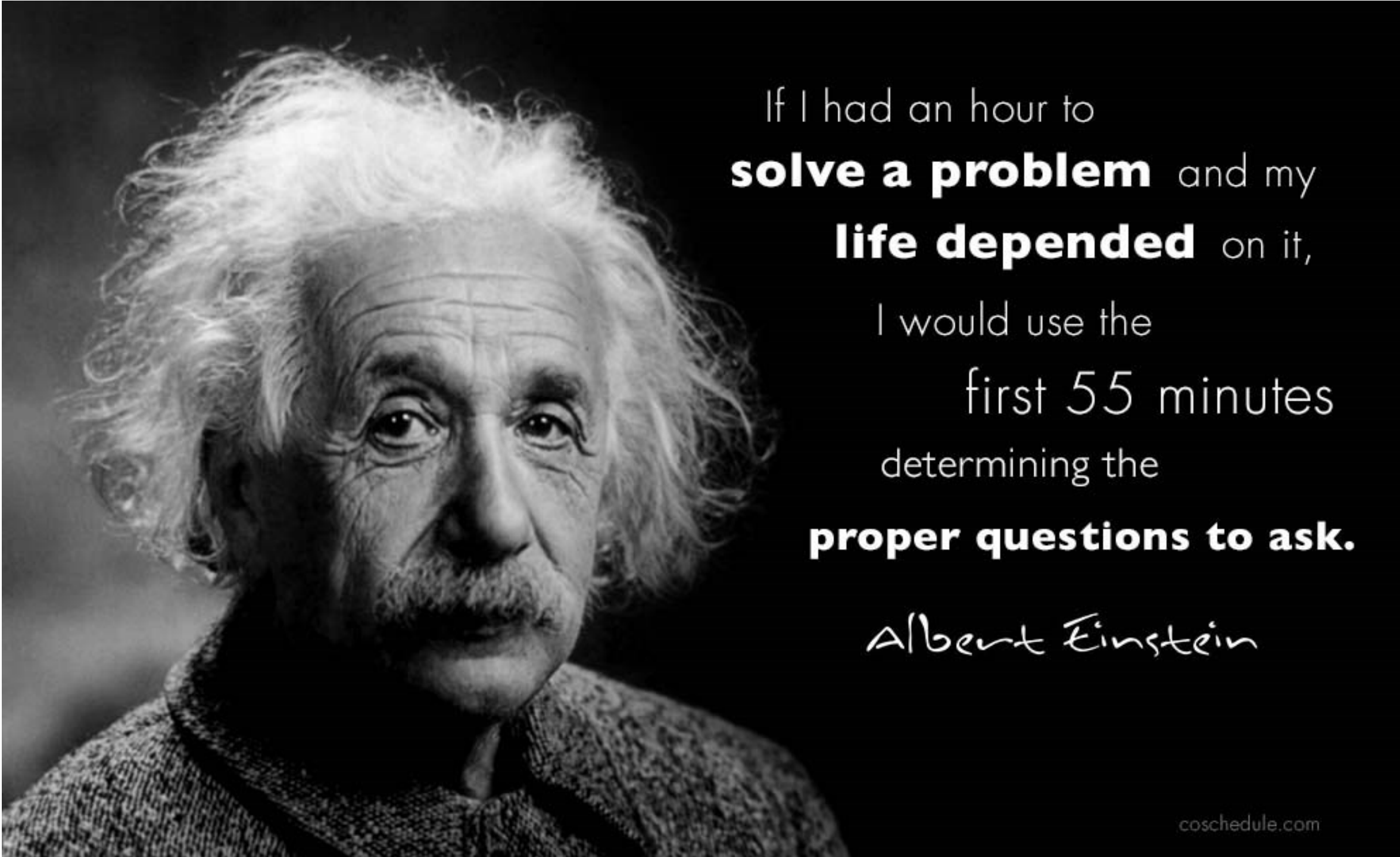
- **Option 1:** Rather than having the Chair verbally announce each individual Councillor's vote, have the Councillors, themselves, verbally state their vote as either in favour or opposed.
- **Option 2:** If a vote is unanimous, the Chair will simply declare the result of the vote is carried unanimously rather than calling out each individual vote.



Recommendations

1. That motion 2016/398 be withdrawn.
1. That Bylaw 7-2017, a bylaw to amend The Meeting Procedures Bylaw, Bylaw 20-2015, be given first reading;
2. That Bylaw 7-2017 be given second reading;
3. That Bylaw 7-2017 be considered for third reading; and
4. That Bylaw 7-2017 be given third reading.

Questions?



If I had an hour to
solve a problem and my
life depended on it,
I would use the
first 55 minutes
determining the
proper questions to ask.

Albert Einstein