# Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings

July 11, 2017



## **Council History**

Priorities Committee Changes Approved in February 2017 (for implementation in Q3 of 2017):

- mandate expanded to include debate on reports and ability to make recommendations to Council
- chair duties be rotated according to the Deputy Mayor schedule
- public presentations (i.e. those by industry, community groups, etc.) appear at a Priorities Committee meeting, unless the Mayor's Executive Committee determines otherwise



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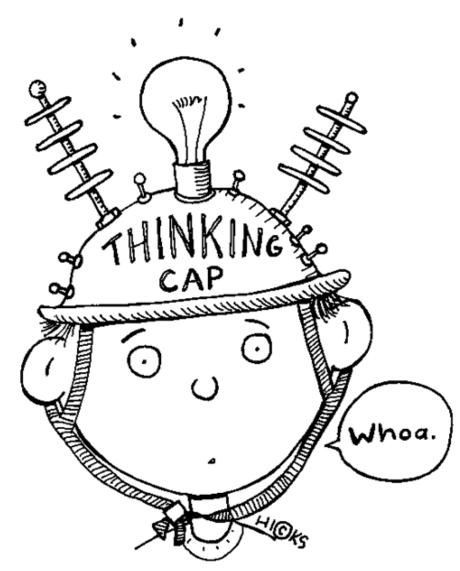
On February 21, 2017, Council approved the following:

THAT the Governance Advisory Committee work with Administration to provide a report, by July 11, 2017, on the Open House process that provides options for a more efficient and effective process; and options for parameters around public presentations at the Priorities Committee.



#### **Three Topics**

- 1. Public Presentations
- 2. Non-statutory public hearings
- 3. Open House





#### **Public Presentations**

#### **Recommendations:**

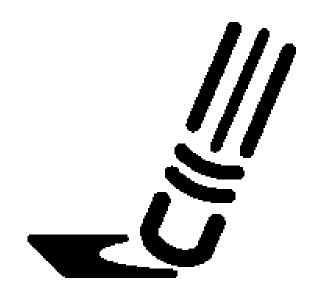
- Political parties or political representatives are to be excluded from making public presentations to the Priorities Committee.
- Public presentations must be limited to topics within the municipality's jurisdiction.
- Public presentations have a maximum time limit of 15 minutes.
- Require presentation materials to be provided to the Director at least 10 business days prior to the Priorities Committee meeting.
- Ensure procedures related to public presentations are clear and concise.



## **Non-statutory Public Hearings**

#### **Recommendation:**

• Eliminate non-statutory public hearings from Priorities Committee





#### Open House

#### **Recommendations:**

- Limit Open House to Strathcona County residents or groups.
- Presentations limited to topics within the municipality's jurisdiction.
- Materials to be distributed or displayed must be provided to the Director at least by 4pm the day before the Open House.
- Maintain limits for presentations at 5 minutes for individuals and 15 minutes for groups.
- Require a majority vote for extensions to the time limit.
- Ensure procedures related to Open House are clear and concise.





## **Open House Options**

Option	Pros	Cons
Mandatory registration by 4pm the day before the Open House.  If there are no registered speakers, the Open House would be canceled.	<ul> <li>More efficient use of resources</li> <li>Aligns with Council's interest in pursuing best practices for meetings</li> <li>Enables Administration to effectively manage Open House procedures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Less flexibility</li> <li>Less perceived         accessibility</li> </ul>
Status quo – no registration for Open House required.  7/11/2017	- Most flexibility	<ul> <li>Speakers may not be as prepared and may not understand process or limitations</li> <li>Does not align with best practices for meeting efficiency</li> </ul>

## **Thoughts? Questions?**



