

Bylaw 17-2017 Priorities Committee Bylaw**Report Purpose**

To provide three readings to Bylaw 17-2017, a bylaw that establishes the mandate, functions, and procedures of the Priorities Committee.

Recommendation

1. THAT Bylaw 17-2017 – Priorities Committee Bylaw, a bylaw that establishes the mandate, functions, and procedures of the Priorities Committee, be given first reading;
2. THAT Bylaw 17-2017 be given second reading;
3. THAT Bylaw 17-2017 be considered for third reading; and
4. THAT Bylaw 17-2017 be given third reading.

Council History

July 18, 2017 – Council approved “THAT the recommendations for public presentations outlined in the July 18, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee/ Legislative and Legal Services report, Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings, be approved.” [Motion 2017/301]

July 18, 2017 – Council approved “THAT the recommendation for non-statutory public hearing outlined in the July 18, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee/ Legislative and Legal Services report, Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings, be approved.” [Motion 2017/302]

July 18, 2017 – Council approved “THAT recommendation 1 for Open House outlined in the July 18, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee/ Legislative and Legal Services report, Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings, be amended by replacing the phrase ‘residents or groups’ with ‘residents, business owners, and other rate payers.’” [Motion 2017/303]

July 18, 2017 – Council approved “THAT the recommendations, as amended, for Open House outlined in the July 18, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee/ Legislative and Legal Services report, Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings, be approved.” [Motion 2017/304]

July 18, 2017 – Council approved “THAT Option 1: Mandatory pre-registration for Open House outlined in the July 18, 2017 Governance Advisory Committee/ Legislative and Legal Services report, Options for Open House and Public Presentations at Priorities Committee Meetings, be approved.” [Motion 2017/306]

February 21, 2017 – Council approved “THAT the Priorities Committee mandate be expanded to include debate on reports and the ability to make recommendations to Council that specify proposed actions.” [Motion 2017/69]

February 21, 2017 – Council approved “THAT the Priorities Committee Chair duties be rotated according to the Deputy Mayor schedule.” [Motion 2017/70]

February 21, 2017 – Council approved “THAT in addition to the current Open House, all other public presentations (i.e. those by industry, community groups, etc.) appear at a Priorities Committee meeting, unless the Mayor’s Executive Committee determines that a presentation should be included as part of a Council meeting agenda.” [Motion 2017/71]

February 21, 2017 – Council approved “THAT Administration prepare an amendment to the Priorities Committee bylaw that includes both the housekeeping changes identified by the Governance Advisory Committee and the substantive changes approved by Council at the February 21, 2017 meeting; and that the updated bylaw be presented to Council for consideration by the third quarter of 2017.” [Motion 2017/72]

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: N/A

Governance: An effective Priorities Committee helps ensure a strong and efficient decision-making process that includes public involvement and supports communication with the community on issues affecting the County’s future.

Social: An effective Priorities Committee helps support diverse community needs.

Culture: N/A

Environment: N/A

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: The Municipal Government Act (section 145) allows a council to establish council committees and their functions as well as to prescribe the procedure and conduct of council committees.

Interdepartmental: N/A

Summary

The review and update to the Priorities Committee has unfolded throughout the past year. The Governance Advisory Committee looked at a number of options for improvement and sought direction from Council on various aspects of the bylaw. The new bylaw includes many housekeeping changes as well as more substantive changes as approved by Council. The new bylaw is provided as Enclosure 1 and a Summary of the Changes is provided as Enclosure 2. The current Priorities Committee bylaw (19-2015) is provided as Enclosure 3 for reference.

Enclosure

- 1 Bylaw 17-2017 Priorities Committee Bylaw (replaces Bylaw 19-2015)
- 2 Summary of Changes
- 3 Bylaw 19-2015