

GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Review Bylaw 19-2015 – Priorities Committee Bylaw****Report Purpose**

To provide Council with a report from the Governance Advisory Committee regarding the potential review of Bylaw 19-2015 Priorities Committee Bylaw.

Recommendation of the Committee:

THAT Administration prepare, in consultation with the Governance Advisory Committee, a revised Bylaw 19-2015 – Priorities Committee Bylaw for Council's consideration; and that the revised Bylaw be due to Council in October 2016.

Rationale:

Pursuant to the Governance Advisory Committee terms of reference, the Committee is responsible for the ongoing review and development of Council Policies and bylaws relevant to Council's roles and responsibilities as elected officials for Strathcona County as requested by Council (Bylaw 46-2015, page 17, section III, subsection C).

The Governance Advisory Committee identified the review of the Priorities Committee Bylaw as part of their 2016 work plan. At its May 9, 2016 meeting, the Governance Advisory Committee identified a number of potential improvements for this Bylaw, including the following:

- consistency in terminology,
- additional definitions where needed,
- greater clarity for the sections addressing public engagement, and
- reorganization of sections for greater continuity.

If Council approves the recommendation above, then Administration will work with the Governance Advisory Committee to prepare a revised Priorities Committee Bylaw for Council's consideration.