



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CDR# 2024040

Date: April 15, 2024

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Proceedings of Council Policy Amendments

ORIGIN: Review of By-Laws and Policies

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA 23(1) The council may make policies (a) respecting the date, hour and place of the meetings of the council and the notice to be given for them; and (b) regulating its own proceedings and preserving order at meetings of Council.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council forward to the April 22, 2024 amendments to the Proceedings of Council Policy #10350-24 for approval

BACKGROUND: The Proceedings of Council Policy sets out the requirements for the conduct of meetings, as well as how requests to present to Council are "approved".

DISCUSSION: Staff often receive requests to present to Council from individuals and organizations. Sections 78 and 79 of the policy currently states that such requests go to Committee of the Whole to see if Council would like to hear the presentation, then the presentation is scheduled for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Staff would like to change this so that requests to present can be "approved" by the Mayor, or designate, and when and if required be forwarded to Committee of the Whole for them to decide if they would like to hear the presentation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications to amending this policy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: There has been no community engagement. If Council approves the amendments the policy will be available on the Town of Amherst website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: This will limit the time an individual or organization will have to wait to give their presentation to Council, which may sometimes be of a time-sensitive nature.





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ALTERNATIVES:

- 1- Approve the policy with the amendments as presented
- 2- Approve the policy amendments with alternative language

ATTACHMENTS: Proceedings of Council Policy with amendments

Report prepared by: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk
Report and Financial approved by:

