

SYNOPSIS

Public Participation and Notification Policy

We have been making some changes to our processes to improve our communications and transparency to citizens. To that end we have begun to “live stream” our Committee of the Whole, Council and Committee meetings on the internet. As well, the day following the meeting, the video is available to view in the archives.

So, further to improving transparency, we want to ensure that when public participation is a component of a planning decision, that decision makers have some time for consideration before voting on the matter.

The proposed amendment to this Policy will allow a Public Participation Opportunity (PPO) to be held in advance of the Planning Advisory Committee regular meeting. Staff would prepare a report on the PPO and distribute to members who were not in attendance. This will allow time between the public participation and voting on the matter for consideration. It will also will eliminate the need for multiple committee meetings each month that require quorum.

MOTION:

That Council approve the following amendments to the Public Participation and Notification Policy, namely to remove the requirement to conduct public participation sessions at a Planning Advisory Committee meeting, and permit them to be scheduled independently.