

Calgary

**PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

**Objective:**

To create a business protocol to deal with offensive or legally objectionable written public submissions to parallel the reasonable limits placed on oral submissions at a Public Hearing.

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### **Balance:**

Duty of Council to hear from and consider **relevant** public submissions on land use and planning policies; with

The public's right to be heard within the limits of the law.

Administration supports and facilitates this process.

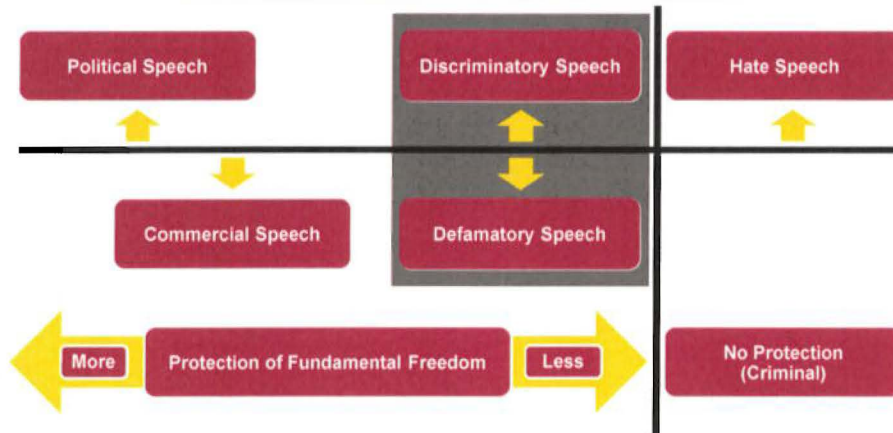


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### **Proposed Business Protocol**

1. Clerks and Law to file submissions that are discriminatory, defamatory or criminal.
2. Council to consider, debate and possibly remove from the public record public submissions considered to be without planning merit to inform decision making.

**Freedom of Speech (Fundamental Freedom)**



**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

1. Endorse the protocol contained on page 3 of this report for Administration's management of legally problematic public submissions.
2. Direct Administration to propose new provisions in the upcoming Procedure Bylaw review to clarify what is an "abusive" submission and to reflect the business protocol as referred to in recommendation 1.
3. Direct that Attachment 2 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 24(1)(a)(b) and (f) and 27(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.