

Amendments to the Procedure Bylaw and Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council amend the Procedure Bylaw and the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw by giving three readings to Proposed Bylaw 20M2023, as set out in Attachment 1.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Amendments to the Procedure Bylaw are proposed to:
 - Remove funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund ("WCEF") from the mandate of the Council Services Committee;
 - Improve alignment of the Procedure Bylaw with changes to *Municipal Government Act* ("MGA") requirements for meetings held by electronic means; and
 - Improve the standard order of business for some Council meeting types.
- An amendment to the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw is proposed to clarify that Councillors make funding decisions on WCEF applications relating to events or initiatives in their respective Wards.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** The Procedure Bylaw establishes rules to regulate the procedures of Council and Council Committee meetings, and the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw governs financial matters relating to Councillors and their Offices.
- **Why does this matter?** Legislatively compliant procedures for Council and Council Committee meetings, as well as responsive decision-making on WCEF applications, support accountability and public trust in good governance.
- Alignment to Council's Strategic Direction 2023-2026: Modernizing Government.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 2.

DISCUSSION

Amendments to the Procedure Bylaw (Attachment 1) are proposed for several reasons:

- At its 2023 March 01 Regular Meeting, Council considered Report CSC2023-0188 and directed Administration to "prepare Procedure Bylaw amendments to delete Section B.7(1)(b), funding decisions on the Ward Community Event Fund, and report back to Council no later than 2023 April 25."
- To improve alignment of the Procedure Bylaw with MGA requirements for meetings by electronic means which arose from the *Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act*, otherwise known as Bill 21.
- Adjustments to the Standard Order of Business for Regular and Public Hearing Meetings of Council provide:
 - Clarity respecting how and where consent agenda items selected for debate fit in the order of business; and
 - Allowing for recognitions and items of urgent business in Public Hearing Meetings of Council, when necessary.

Following the removal of funding decisions on the WCEF from the mandate of the Council Services Committee, an addition to the Councillors' Budgets and Expenses Bylaw is required to clarify that Councillors make decisions on WCEF applications for events or initiatives in their Wards.

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EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

IMPLICATIONS

Social

A timely and responsive process for WCEF applications supports the strengthening of relationships with Calgarians and strong community leadership.

Environmental

Not Applicable

Economic

Not Applicable

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

RISK

None

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Proposed Bylaw 20M2023
- Background and Previous Council Direction

Department Circulation

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