

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Council Procedure Bylaw comes into effect this week

New procedures in place for appearing as a delegation

## **Summary**

On November 15, Council's new Procedure Bylaw will come into effect. The bylaw, which provides the governance structure for meeting administration and delegation procedures, has been updated to provide the public with more time to submit a request to appear before Council.

Those interested in appearing before Council or the Committee of the Whole to speak on an agenda item now have until 11:00 am the Monday of the meeting to submit a request to the Legislative Services Department. Delegations unrelated to agenda items will continue to be referred to the Committee of the Whole meetings and the submission deadline of those requests remains unchanged at 10 days prior to the meeting.

For more information on the new Council Procedure Bylaw, please visit www.nanaimo.ca.

Strategic Link: Streamline the delegation process and allow more time for delegations to get their requests in.

# **Key Points**

- New Council Procedure Bylaw coming into effect November 15, 2018.
- Delegations have until Monday at 11:00 a.m. to request to speak to an agenda item on Council or Committee
  of the Whole agendas.
- Delegations not related to an agenda item for Committee of the Whole meetings must submit their delegation request 10 days before the meeting.

#### Quotes

"The changes to the procedure bylaw allow more time for delegations to request to speak to Council and will help to streamline meetings."

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