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Council to vote on updated Procedure Bylaw

New bylaw will see Committee of the Whole dissolved

Summary

At their October 21, 2019 meeting, Council will consider adoption of an amendment to their Procedure Bylaw. The bylaw, which provides the governance structure for meeting administration and delegation procedures, has been updated to reflect the change from a Committee of the Whole to a Governance and Priorities Committee.

Those interested in appearing before Council to speak on an agenda item now have until 11:00 am the Friday before the meeting to submit a request to the Legislative Services Department instead of the Monday morning of the meetings. Other updates include publishing times for the agenda and addendum have been moved to Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons respectfully.

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

Strategic Link: Providing a streamlined pre-meeting process and eliminating redundancies supports the City's commitment to governance excellence.

Key Points

- Delegations have until 11:00 a.m. the Friday before the meeting to request to speak to an agenda item on Council or Governance and Priorities Committee agendas.
- The Committee of the Whole has been dissolved.
- Regular Council Meeting agendas will now be published on Wednesday afternoons, instead of Thursday afternoons. Regular Council Meeting addendums will now be published on Friday afternoons, instead of Monday mornings.

Quotes

"The updates to the Procedure Bylaw will streamline the pre-meeting processes. It will also eliminate the redundancy of the Committee of the Whole now that the Governance and Priorities Committee has been established."

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