

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Updated Council Procedure Bylaw comes into effect this week

#### Summary

On November 1, 2019 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 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 respectively.

For more information on the new Council Procedure Bylaw, please visit [www.nanaimo.ca](http://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 1, 2019.
- Delegations have until Friday at 11:00 a.m. to request to speak to an agenda item on Council or Governance and Priorities Committee agendas.
- 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.
- The Committee of the Whole has been dissolved.

#### Quotes

"The updated bylaw will come into effect on November 1 and will apply to meetings on November 18, 2019 onward."

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