

Court of Queen's Bench Bylaw References

ISSUE

A number of City bylaws make reference in some fashion to the Queen. This report is requesting approval to amend these bylaws to instead make reference to the King.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council approve the proposed amendments to:
 - Bylaw No. 8164, *The Municipal Wards Commission Bylaw, 2002*;
 - Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*;
 - Bylaw No. 8225, *The City of Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services Department Superannuation Plan Bylaw, 2003*;
 - Bylaw No. 9036, *The Saskatoon Licence Appeal Board Bylaw, 2012*; and
 - Bylaw No. 9537, *The Code of Ethical Conduct, 2019*.
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to update references from the Queen to the King.

BACKGROUND

Upon the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on September 8, 2022, and the succession of His Majesty, King Charles III, the Court of Queen's Bench in Saskatchewan was automatically renamed the Court of King's Bench.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The City Clerk has identified five City bylaws that contain reference to Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, the Queen's Bench, the Court of Queen's Bench or *The Queen's Bench Rules*:

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Although the change from Queen to King has no legal effect on any City bylaw or any proceedings pursuant to a City bylaw, it is recommended that bylaws containing reference to the Queen be amended to instead refer to the King which is now the proper reference.

No references to the Queen were identified in Council policies.

NEXT STEPS

If the recommendation is approved by City Council, the City Solicitor will attend to drafting the necessary bylaw amendments in the form of an omnibus amendment bylaw which will make the necessary amendments to each affected bylaw. This omnibus amendment bylaw will be tabled at a future meeting for City Council's consideration.

Report Approval

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