

## The Procedures and Committees Amendment Bylaw, 2024

### ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9954, *The Procedures and Committees Amendment Bylaw, 2024* ("Bylaw") for City Council's consideration. The Bylaw amends *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014* to change the rules to extend City Council meetings from requiring the unanimous consent of Council members present to requiring a two-thirds vote of Council members present at the time of the vote and to make minor housekeeping amendments.

### RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9954, *The Procedures and Committees Amendment Bylaw, 2024*.

### BACKGROUND

At its [December 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a Notice of Motion put forth by Councillor Kirton, and resolved that:

Administration undertake appropriate public notice and bring forward to the next possible City Council meeting, amendments to *The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014* that modify the applicable sections to:

1. Allow Regular Business to reconvene with 2/3 majority vote of Council present following the conclusion of the Public Hearing meeting, provided the Public Hearing meeting has adjourned prior to 9:00 p.m.; and
2. For a 2/3 majority of Council members present to make decisions regarding extension of meeting times.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council's instructions, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9954, *The Procedures and Committees Amendment Bylaw, 2024* for City Council's consideration.

The Bylaw additionally includes housekeeping amendments to correct an incorrect section reference and to update names of divisions to align with the City's current corporate structure.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Subsection 55.1(4) of *The Cities Act* requires that public notice be given prior to amendment of a council procedure bylaw. Public notice for the Bylaw has been given in accordance with Policy No. C01-021, *The Public Notice Policy*. The following notice was given:

- Advertised in *The Star Phoenix* on January 20, 2024
- Posted on the City's website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) on January 18, 2024

## APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9954, *The Procedures and Committees Amendment Bylaw, 2024*.

### Report Approval

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