

Background Report

Report From: Dawn Mittelholtz, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
Meeting Date: August 11, 2025
Subject: Procedural By-law Amendment for Mayoral Decisions and Directions

Background/Analysis

With the introduction of Strong Mayor Powers on May 1, 2025, an amendment to the Procedural By-law is needed to include a place in the Order of Business for Mayoral Directions and Decisions. The report from the Striking Committee proposes this inclusion.

To include a place for the inclusion of proposed Mayoral Decisions and Directions, it is recommended that the Procedural By-law be amended to make this addition in the Order of Business for Council Meeting Agendas. The recommendation is for this to be placed immediately following Motions and Notice of Motions.

As By-law 87-2024 already included language affirming that provincial legislation has precedence over municipal by-laws, no additional amendments are recommended to confirm the precedence of Strong Mayor Powers over the Procedural By-law.

The Proposed Procedural By-law Amendment – Mayoral Decisions and Directions is attached to the Striking Committee’s report. If the Committee’s recommendation is approved, the By-law will be added to the September 8, 2025 Agenda for consideration.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 3: Building Valued Relationships
- Business Plan Alignment: Community Services Business as Usual

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

No costs or revenue are associated with this report

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