



NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted in accordance with *Procedure Bylaw C-8555-2024*

Presented By: Councillor Samra, Division 6
Seconded By: Councillor Wright, Division 4

This notice of motion is read into the Council record on February 18, 2025. The motion as read into the record will be debated on March 4, 2025

TITLE: Direction to Amend the Procedure Bylaw to Require Recorded Votes for All Council Motions and to Investigate Electronic Voting Options

WHEREAS Section 185 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) allows recorded votes to be taken and recorded in the minutes of Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS recorded votes are when the minutes of Council meetings show a record of which councillors voted in support or in opposition of each motion, as well as who was absent or abstained from voting on each motion;

AND WHEREAS one way of ensuring transparency and accountability in decision-making is by mandating that all votes of Council are recorded vote;

AND WHEREAS section 64 of the *Procedure Bylaw* does not currently mandate that all votes be recorded votes and be made available to the public in detail through the minutes of Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS Council desires to explore the use of electronic voting options to streamline the recording of votes and make the process more efficient, with the intention to implement such a system for the new Council following the 2025 municipal election;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to amend the *Procedure Bylaw* to mandate that all votes of Council be recorded votes as per section 185 of the *Municipal Government Act* and return to Council with a report prior to July 16, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to explore and report back to Council prior to July 15, 2025, on electronic voting options to facilitate the efficient recording of votes, with the goal of implementing such a system for the new Council following the 2025 municipal election.