



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 27, 2023

Title: Proposed Revision to Procedural By-law 2022-16

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Department: Administration

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Recommendation:

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a revision to the Procedural By-law (2022-16) to remove reference to Committee of the Whole Meetings and to replace them with Council Meetings.

Background:

For many years, the City of Dryden has held Committee of the Whole Meetings on the second Monday of the month and Council Meetings on the fourth Monday of the month. It has recently been noted by staff that we would be able to accomplish things more quickly if instead of having a Committee of the Whole Meeting, where Reports are presented and a Council Meeting, where Reports are actioned, we were to have two Council Meetings each month (second and fourth Mondays).

Discussion:

Having to wait until the fourth Monday of the month to have by-laws and resolutions adopted in order to move the business of the corporation forward, slows the business down. If we were to move to two Council Meetings per month, by-laws and resolutions could be adopted at every meeting, two weeks apart. Several Ontario municipalities operate without Committee of the Whole Meetings, choosing instead to have Council Meetings only. Examples of such municipalities are: Ear Falls, Sioux Lookout, Machin, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, London, Windsor, Oakville, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Kingston and Parry Sound.

Council's Procedural By-law includes the format for the Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings as well as many references to Committee of the Whole and if Council is interested in moving to a two Council Meeting per month schedule, this by-law would have to be amended. If this is something Council is interested in doing, a revised Procedural By-law will be brought forward to the May Committee of the Whole Meeting.