

25 June 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: By-law to correct "Term of Council" Reference in various By-laws

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to a by-law deeming all by-laws that cite a 'three-year term of Council' to mean 'the term of Council.'

Background:

In the mid-1980's the Province changed the term of office for Municipal Councils from two years to three, which it had been up to the November, 2006 election.

During this time many by-laws, both pre and post Amalgamation, and particularly those citing 'terms of references' and 'appointments' were adopted with timeframes typically in accordance with 'the 3 year term of Council' or 'for a period of 3 years' (which implied 'the Council term'). More recently these references are now included in our by-laws but simply stating "in accordance with the term of Council" (unless of course otherwise noted).

It would be somewhat a make-work project to go through all by-laws currently in effect and amend them to remove the '3 year reference' and it has been suggested by Fred Dean that Council adopt one by-law citing the reference and deeming it be changed/or meaning 'the term of Council' in all applicable by-laws. Then as any specific by-laws with the 3 year reference are identified for any amendment, that reference could be corrected accordingly in the by-law at that time.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Housekeeping only.

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