Council: June 24, 2020

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

Waive the Notice Provision for an Amendment to the Procedural By-law

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

WHEREAS it is now necessary to amend the Procedural By-law further to update sections of By-law 18-270, as amended, which apply to Electronic participation by citizen Committee members at electronic Committee meetings during an emergency when attending in-person is not possible with respect to the Planning Committee and Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee and associated Working Groups (Education and Communications Working Group, Policy and Design Working Group, Inventory and Research Working Group), Cross-Melville District Heritage Committee and Heritage Permit Review Committee in a manner that is consistent with the obligation to hold public meetings in accordance with applicable legislation;

WHEREAS it is now necessary to amend the Procedural By-law further to update sections of By-law 18-270, as amended, which apply to Electronic participation by the public at public meetings held in accordance with applicable legislation, in a manner that is consistent with the obligation to hold public meetings at electronic Committee meetings during an emergency when attending in-person is not possible with respect to the Planning Committee, Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee, Cross-Melville District Heritage Committee and Heritage Permit Review Committee;

WHEREAS, By-law 07-351, a By-Law to Adopt and Maintain a Policy with Respect to the Provision of Public Notice, requires that public notice is required to advise of a Committee meeting to consider the enactment of a procedure bylaw in the form of one notice published in a newspaper a minimum of 14 days prior to the Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, By-law 07-351, a By-Law to Adopt and Maintain a Policy with Respect to the Provision of Public Notice also notes that Council may direct that other notice is to be given as Council considers adequate and when the City Manager determines that an emergency situation exists;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council waive the notice provision within By-law 07-351, a By-Law to Adopt and Maintain a Policy with Respect to the Provision of Public Notice in order for an amendment to be made to the Procedural By-law effective immediately.