

MOTION

Hamilton Cycling Committee: December 2, 2020

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WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook was last updated on July 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook does not clearly define the limits or scope of advocacy or advising;

WHEREAS, Committee members frequently need to ask Staff and the Clerk's Office for clarification on procedural rules that are not addressed in the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, Committee members are subject to review by the Ethics Commission of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That, the Hamilton Cycling Committee formally request that the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook be updated to include the following information:
 - i. That a clear definition of activities that are classified as advocacy, and therefore beyond the scope of Advisory Committees;
 - ii. That clarification on the powers of the Advisory Committees as Boards under Section 198.1 of the Municipal Act, including the extent to which the Advisory Committees can direct staff to provide information necessary to fulfil the mandate of the Committee;
 - iii. That clarification on how Advisory Committees should be forwarding their formal advice to Council and its sub-committees,
 - iv. That clarification on how Citizen Committee Reports should be drafted and approved; and.
 - v. That clarification on the role of Councillors who sit on Advisory Committees in the development of the advice offered in the meetings.