

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Governance Review Sub-Committee: July 5, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Consistent Quorum Requirements for Council and Committees

WHEREAS, staff were directed by Council on June 7, 2023, to prepare the necessary amendments to By-law 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, the ‘Procedural By-law’ to amend the quorum requirement for Committees to be the same as for Council, for the Governance Review Sub-Committee’s consideration;

WHEREAS, the City’s Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, states that quorum of Council be a majority, as per Section 237(1) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended;

WHEREAS, the City’s Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, states that quorum of Committees be half of the Committee’s membership; and

WHEREAS, for consistency purposes, having the same quorum requirements for Council and for Committees would be practical;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to prepare a by-law to amend the City’s Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, to amend Section 5.4 (1) to require that a majority be present:

5.4 Quorum

- (1) The quorum for all Committees shall be **a majority** of the membership rounded up to the nearest whole number.