

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2014
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE BY-LAW

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on October 7, 2014 for the purpose of amending By-law No. A-45 entitled "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London" to accommodate the annual meeting calendar coming into effect December 1, 2014, adjust the timing of recognitions at Council meetings, and clarify the vote requirement for tabling a matter at Council, in keeping with generally-accepted rules of procedure.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on September 2, 2014, adopted the annual meeting calendar for 2015. That calendar reflected some changes to the timing of certain Standing Committee meetings which, in turn, has necessitated some changes to the Council Procedure By-law to accommodate those changes.

Further, with the Committee of the Whole now meeting in camera near the beginning of Council meetings it seems most efficient, and respectful of recipients, to conduct the "Recognitions" stage of the Council agenda immediately prior to the "Committee of the Whole, In Closed Session" stage. This will give some certainty as to the timing of the recognitions.

Lastly, there have been some situations in various jurisdictions where a motion to table has unintentionally, or otherwise, violated fair procedure by effectively defeating a matter under debate. In order to uphold the Council's commitment to fairness and transparency, and avoid debate to be suppressed by a simple majority vote, an amendment is being brought forward to require a two-thirds vote of the whole Council in order to table a matter. This is in keeping with proper use of a motion to table, as described by Roberts Rules of Order.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
LINDA ROWE DEPUTY CITY CLERK	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

APPENDIX "A"

Bill No.
2014

By-law No.

A by-law to amend By-law No. A-45 entitled, "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London".

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend By-law No. A-45 entitled "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London" to accommodate the annual meeting calendar coming into effect December 1, 2014, adjust the timing of recognitions at Council meetings, and clarify the vote requirement for tabling a matter at Council, in keeping with generally-accepted rules of procedure.

AND WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. **Part 7 – COUNCIL AGENDA** is amended in section 7.1 by reversing the order of "Committee of the Whole, In Closed Session" and "Recognitions" so that "Recognitions" becomes "Part IV" of the Council Agenda and "Committee of the Whole, In Closed Session" becomes "Part V" of the Council Agenda.
2. **Part 11 – MOTIONS – ORDER – PUTTING MOTIONS** is amended in part 11.13 by deleting the words "'a majority vote of the members present" and by replacing them with the words "a 2/3 vote of the Whole Council".
3. **Part 23 – STRIKING COMMITTEE** is amended in part 23.1 by deleting the words "following the election" and by inserting the words "by no later than the last regular Council meeting of the outgoing Council" after the words "shall be appointed" so that the process is consistent with the Council Policy 5(16) being the "General Policy for Advisory Committees".
4. **Part 24 – STANDING COMMITTEE – MEETINGS** is amended in part 24.11 as follows:
 - a) in subsection a) by deleting the word "Mondays" and by substituting it with the word "Tuesdays";
 - b) in subsection b) by deleting the time "7:00 PM" and by replacing it with the time "4:00 PM" and by deleting the word "Mondays" and replacing it with the word "Tuesdays";
 - c) in subsection c) by deleting the time "1:00 PM" and by replacing it with the time "12:00 PM"; and
 - d) in subsection e) by deleting the word "Tuesdays" and by replacing it with the word "Mondays".
5. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 14, 2014.

J. Baechler
Mayor

First Reading – October 14, 2014
Second Reading – October 14, 2014
Third Reading – October 14, 2014

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk