

Bill No. 195
2012

By-law No. A-41-amend

A by-law to amend By-law No. A-41 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-41 entitled "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London" as it relates to reconsideration of matters, conduct of public at meetings, scheduling of Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee meetings and a housekeeping change to properly reflect the committee responsible for recommending the appointment of Chairs for standing committees;

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 13 – RECONSIDERATION** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new **Part 13 – RECONSIDERATION**:

**"Part 13
RECONSIDERATION**

13.1 Reconsideration – not in order – legally binding commitments

No motion to reconsider a decided matter shall be in order when the motion has been implemented resulting in a legally binding commitment that is in place on the date that a motion to reconsider is to be debated.

13.2 Reconsideration – same standing committee meeting – any time

A motion to reconsider a decided matter may be introduced at any time when it is made at the same standing committee meeting at which the original motion was decided.

13.3 Reconsideration – same standing committee meeting – introduction

A motion to reconsider a decided matter at the same standing committee meeting at which the original motion was decided must be made by a member who voted with the majority on the original motion.

13.4 Reconsideration – same standing committee meeting – once only

No motion to reconsider a decided matter at the same standing committee meeting at which the original motion was decided shall be permitted more than once.

13.5 Reconsideration – same standing committee meeting – majority vote

A motion to recommend the reconsideration of a decided matter at the same standing committee meeting at which the original motion was decided shall only require the approval of the majority of the members present at that standing committee meeting.

13.6 Reconsideration – decided matter of Council – same meeting

A motion to reconsider a decided matter of Council at the same meeting at which the original motion was decided shall be introduced at Stage XI (Emergent Motions) of the Council agenda, unless the Chair determines there was a clear misunderstanding of the question that was put, in which case a motion for reconsideration shall be introduced immediately after the original vote was taken.

13.7 Reconsideration – decided matter of Council – subsequent meeting

A motion to reconsider a decided matter of Council at a meeting subsequent to the meeting at which the original motion was decided shall require a notice of motion submitted in accordance with section 7.2 of this by-law, and shall be introduced at Stage VI (Motions of Which Notice Given) of the Council agenda.

13.8 Reconsideration – decided matter of Council – introduction

A motion to reconsider a decided matter of Council must be made by a member who voted with the majority on the original motion.

13.9 Reconsideration – decided matter of Council – only once

No motion to reconsider a decided matter of Council shall be made more than once in the twelve month period from the date the matter was decided, unless a regular election has occurred following the decision.

13.10 Reconsideration – decided matter of Council – 2/3 vote – whole Council

A motion to reconsider a decided matter of Council shall require the approval of at least two-thirds of the whole Council.

13.11 Affirmative vote – original matter – next business

If a motion to reconsider is decided in the affirmative at a meeting, then consideration of the original matter shall become the next order of business.

13.12 Debate – prohibited – statement of reason – permitted

No debate on a motion to reconsider a decided matter shall be permitted; however the mover of a motion to reconsider may provide a brief and concise statement outlining the reasons for proposing such reconsideration.”

2. **Part 14 – DELEGATIONS** amended by inserting the following new section 14.5.1 after section 14.5:

“14.5.1 Speaking – limited - 5 minutes

No delegation shall speak on a matter longer than a 5 minute period, without leave of Council or a Committee, except as otherwise prescribed by applicable legislation.”

3. The following new **Part 15.1 – PUBLIC AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS** is inserted after **Part 15 – COMMUNICATIONS – PETITIONS**:

**“Part 15.1
PUBLIC AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

15.1.1 Public – Proper Decorum to Be Maintained At All Times

Members of the public in attendance at meetings shall conduct themselves with proper decorum at all times, in order to ensure a safe and respectful meeting environment.

15.1.2 Public – Electronic Devices – Silenced

Members of the public in attendance at meetings shall ensure that all electronic devices are set to silent mode.

15.1.3 Public – Disorderly Conduct

Any person who is not conducting themselves in a manner as set out in section 15.1.1 and 15.1.2 of this by-law shall be asked by the Chair to do so. If that person continues to conduct themselves in a manner contrary to section 15.1.1 or section 15.1.2 of this by-law, then the person shall be removed from the meeting.

15.1.4 Public – Immediate Removal

Notwithstanding section 15.1.3 of this by-law, in the event a member of the public is conducting themselves in a manner which poses a threat to the personal safety of themselves or others in attendance at the meeting, they shall be removed from the meeting, without warning.

15.1.5 Suspension of meeting – order restored

The Chair may unilaterally suspend the meeting until order is restored in the meeting.

4. Part (d) of section 23.12 is amended by deleting part (d) and by replacing it with a new part (d) as follows:

“(d) Regular meetings of the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee shall commence at 3:30 p.m., on Tuesdays to be identified in the annual meeting schedule. The Chair may amend the time of the Committee meeting, or cancel a Committee meeting, when the content of the Agenda warrants a change to be necessary. The date and time may be varied where a holiday falls on a regular meeting date.”

5. Section 23.15 is amended by deleting the words “Committee of the Whole” and by replacing them with the words “Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee”.
6. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on May 1, 2012.

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Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

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