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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: Amendment to the Procedure By-law

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor John Gallo

Date: May 13, 2025

Whereas the current provisions of the Procedural Bylaw relating to Special Meetings of Council or Committee require updates to improve clarity, flexibility, and to strengthen governance procedures; and,

Whereas it is desirable to allow a majority of Council Members to petition for a Special Meeting with sufficient advance notice to all Members, to ensure appropriate quorum, transparency, and effective decision-making; and,

Whereas it is also desirable to require that motions proposed by petitioners be included on the agenda for the Special Meeting and be subject to a simple majority vote;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 6228-19 being a bylaw to govern the proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of the Town of Aurora, be brought forward to amend Section 21(b) as follows:

Section 21 (b) – Special Meetings of Council and General Committee

- i. A Special Meeting of Council or General Committee may be called by the Mayor at any time, provided that a majority of Members of Council have been consulted and have confirmed their availability to attend in order to ensure quorum. A Special Meeting shall be limited to the business matters set out in the Notice of Meeting.
- ii. A Special Meeting of Council or Committee may also be initiated upon receipt of a written petition signed by a majority of the Members of Council. The petition must be submitted to the Clerk at least ten (10) days prior to the proposed date of the Special Meeting and must specify the purpose, proposed time, and any motions to be considered. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, any motion proposed

by the petitioners shall be included on the agenda and may be decided by a simple majority of the Members present.

- iii. In addition to the general notice provisions of this Procedure Bylaw, the Clerk shall provide notice of a Special Meeting of Council or Committee by circulating an agenda at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Meeting.