



COVID-19 Restrictions and Application Processes Update

February 8, 2021



Background

- ▶ Restrictions under Order of the Provincial Health Officer
- ▶ Council direction on Jan 11, 2021:
 - ▶ Suspended AAC & HAC meetings
 - ▶ Recommend waiving public hearings for rezoning applications under certain criteria
 - ▶ Report back on restrictions

THAT staff provide an update to Council regarding the COVID-19 Public Health Order on Gatherings and Events on February 8, 2021.

Electronic Committee Meetings

- ▶ Objectives:
 - ▶ Meet Terms of Reference procedures
 - ▶ Follow open meeting requirements
- ▶ Experience with electronic public hearings informed options

Options

Option	Committee members	Applicants participating	Public viewing	Staff Resources
1: Members, applicants, public remote	✓	✓	✓	Highest
2: Members and applicants remote, no public	✓	✓	X	Medium
3: Members remote, no applicants or public	✓	X	X	Lowest

Waiving Public Hearings

- ▶ Option under the *Local Government Act*
- ▶ Public input through written correspondence
- ▶ Council can give bylaw further readings, forward to public hearing, or defeat the bylaw
- ▶ Keeps electronic public hearings focused on more significant applications

Recommendations

- ▶ Reinstate the duties and meetings of the AAC
- ▶ Direct the AAC to meet electronically
 - ▶ Committee members full participation
 - ▶ Applicants able to present
 - ▶ Public able to watch
- ▶ HAC continue to be suspended until further Council direction on its role

Recommendations

- ▶ Continue directing staff to recommend waiving public hearings
- ▶ In effect until in-person attendance at meetings is permitted or Council provides new direction



Questions?

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