Report to Council



Date: June 16, 2025

To: Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Review of Council Policies for Rescindment & Update Freedom of Information and

Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682

Department: Office of the City Clerk

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Office of the City Clerk dated June 16, 2025 respecting rescindment of Council policies and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682;

AND THAT Council Policies 3, 25, 32, 40, 71, 117, 138, 176, 185, 190, 198, 206, 210, 211, 224, 227, 234, 238, 239, 249, 257, 260, 278, 290, 297, 314, 330, 341, 350, 351, and 360 be rescinded;

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 12800 being Amendment No. 1 to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682 be advanced for reading consideration.

Purpose:

To rescind Council policies that are identified as obsolete or unnecessary and to amend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682.

Background:

Council policies play an important role in promoting good governance and guiding the delivery of the City's programs and services to the residents of Kelowna. On May 5, 2025, Council updated Council Policy No. 368 Council Policy Framework, which sets out the framework for the establishment, management and review of Council policies. In addition to revising the framework, Council adopted the following partial resolution:

Previous Council Resolution

Partial Council Resolution	Date
AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to conduct a review of all Council	May 5, 2025
policies and bring forward for rescission consideration all policies that are	
identified as obsolete or unnecessary.	

Discussion:

Staff have completed a review of all Council policies and identified 31 policies that have become obsolete, unnecessary, ineffective, contrary to other policies, bylaws and legislation, or are otherwise of minimal value. These low-value policies currently comprise 25% of the 123 existing Council policies. Rescinding these policies now will enable departments to focus their efforts on higher-value policies during future policy reviews. The identified Council policies are as follows:

- Council Policy No. 3 Agricultural Land Reserve (A.L.R.) Referrals
- Council Policy No. 25 City Manager's Attendance at Meetings of the Council
- Council Policy No. 32 City of Kelowna Lapel Pins
- Council Policy No. 40 Controlled Access
- Council Policy No. 71 Kelowna Coat of Arms/Armorial Bearings
- Council Policy No. 117 Public Input Proposed Public Infrastructure
- Council Policy No. 138 Posting of Notices on Notice Boards at City Hall
- Council Policy No. 176 Wedding Ceremonies Kasugai Gardens
- Council Policy No. 185 Glenmore Road Access/Lot Orientation
- Council Policy No. 190 Healthy Community
- Council Policy No. 198 Recreation Trails Perimeters of Golf Courses
- Council Policy No. 206 Preservation of Bellevue (Sawmill) Creek Corridor and Crawford Falls
- Council Policy No. 210 Professional Prize Fighting Events in Municipal Facilities
- Council Policy No. 211 Sunset Clause Policy for Preliminary Subdivision Layout Review Letters
- Council Policy No. 224 User Fees Building and Permitting Branch
- Council Policy No. 227 Business License Applications Adult Video Outlets
- Council Policy No. 234 Found Money Turned over to R.C.M. Police
- Council Policy No. 238 Heritage Designation Waiver of Compensation Agreements
- Council Policy No. 239 Letters of Appreciation Council Appointed Committees
- Council Policy No. 249 Development Permit Recycling Depot
- Council Policy No. 257 Seeking of Public Input Sign Bylaw Changes
- Council Policy No. 260 Prohibited Trees/Shrubs Eradication of Codling Moth
- Council Policy No. 278 Knox Mountain Park Road
- Council Policy No. 290 Lapsed Development Permits
- Council Policy No. 297 Section 4 Roads
- Council Policy No. 314 Parking Credits for Mixed Use Developments within the Downtown Urban Centre
- Council Policy No. 330 Unclaimed Funds on Recreation Customer Accounts
- Council Policy No. 341 Accessibility Measures for Hotels and Motels
- Council Policy No. 350 Volunteer Appreciation
- Council Policy No. 351 Senior Government Referral Policy
- Council Policy No. 360 Social Policies

Bylaw Amendment

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act serves two primary purposes: to enhance public accountability and protect personal privacy. To ensure compliance with the Act, the City must designate a Head (as defined by the Act) to be responsible for making decisions, such as responding to record access requests and ensuring personal information is collected, used, and disclosed in accordance with the Act. The City's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682 designates the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk as the Head and delegates other positions to

perform the duties and functions of the Head. Updates to the delegated positions may occur from time to time.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682 is proposed to be amended to update the position titles of those City positions designated to perform the duties and functions of the Head. There is no proposed change to the positions designated as the Head; this responsibility will remain with the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Conclusion:

Prepared for Council's consideration is a list of low-value policies for recission, in addition to an administrative update to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 9682 reflecting current staff position titles.

Internal Circulation:

Building and Business Services
Communications
Community Safety Services
Development Planning
Executive Office
Infrastructure Operations
Long Range Planning
Sport & Event Services
Utility Services

Considerations applicable to this report:

Existing Policy:

Council Policy No. 368 Council Policy Framework

Considerations not applicable to this report: Legal/Statutory Authority: Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements: Financial/Budgetary Considerations: Consultation and Engagement: Communications Comments:

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