

RE: IN-CAMERA CAUCUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT hereafter Council receive for adoption on the open agenda all recommendations adopted, motions passed or decisions made at an in-camera caucus meeting, it being understood that such items will be brought forward on the open agenda at the next regular meeting of Council; and
2. THAT hereafter the following items, after being dealt with at an in-camera caucus meeting, not be referred to Council at any subsequent time for adoption on the open agenda:
  - a) Items received for information;
  - b) Items received or considered which are designated confidential as a result of a request from a person writing to Council that confidentiality of his/her correspondence be respected; and
  - c) Items pertaining to Labour Relations matters, to be brought forward if appropriate when the matter is concluded.

REPORT

By adoption of In-Camera Item No. 1, Manager's Report No. 20, 1982 March 22, Council adopted a policy respecting the bringing forward of items considered in the In-Camera caucus meetings of Council, to open Council meetings, for adoption.

That report made reference to the Solicitor's comments, which amongst other things indicated that the Municipal Act requires these types of items be brought forward at an open meeting but does not specify when. In most cases, the Solicitor indicated that it was much less preferable, in his opinion, to "batch" the number of items that have been dealt with and forward them to an open meeting on a periodic basis.

The conclusion of that report was that all items would be brought forward on the open agenda at the next regular meeting of Council, with the exception of items received for information, and items received or considered which are designated confidential as the result of a request from the person writing to Council that confidentiality of his/her correspondence be respected.

The issue which now arises is the periodic directions which will be necessary from Council on Labour Relations matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements. Clearly, it would be inappropriate for those in-camera decisions of Council to come forward on the open agenda, until such time as those Labour relations matters are brought to conclusion.

The suggested course of action, then, is for the policy to be amended by adding an item "c" to provide for those decisions of in-camera caucus meetings of Council pertaining to Labour Relations matters to be brought forward for adoption in open Council session when appropriate.

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