

# Council Memo



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To	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Subject	<b>Revised Recommendations for the 2023 Governance Review</b>

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On June 16, 2023, the [Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced its intention to expand strong mayor powers to 26 municipalities in Ontario](#), including Guelph. As of writing, the regulations and legislation enacting this change have not been made public. Anticipating that this legislation may impact certain components of the 2023 Governance Review, City staff are recommending the following revised recommendations:

1. That the amended Procedure By-law, included as Attachment-1 to the 2023 Governance Review dated June 6, 2023, be approved, as amended at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 6, 2023.
2. That the amended Closed Meeting Protocol, included as Attachment-2 to the 2023 Governance Review dated June 6, 2023, be approved.
3. That recommendations three, four, five and six, approved at the June 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the 2023 Governance Review dated June 6, 2023, be deferred and that the City Clerk, and Strategy, Innovation and Intergovernmental Services staff report back to City Council.
4. That the City Clerk and Mayor be directed to review the current governance framework for the Strategic Advisory Group on Downtown Guelph to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation and report back to City Council as required.
5. That the Delegation of Authority By-law be amended as outlined in Attachment-7 to the 2023 Governance Review dated June 6, 2023 and the Delegation of Authority Noise Exemption Correction Council Memo dated June 27, 2023.

Once the legislative changes announced by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have been released, staff will undertake a comprehensive review and report back to City Council regarding changes to policies, procedures and by-laws as required.

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