

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey

By-law Number 20 - 2018

Being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Committees, and Committee of Adjustment;

Whereas Section 238 of the [Municipal Act, S.O. 2001](#), c. 25, as amended, provides that a Council shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, location and proceedings of meetings; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey deems it necessary to set rules and regulations with regards to Council and Committee proceedings; and

Whereas all points of order or procedure not provided for in this by-law shall be decided in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the Chair shall submit the ruling without debate;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.0	DEFINITIONS	3
2.0	APPLICATION	10
3.0	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES	11
4.0	ELECTRONIC MEDIA	11
5.0	MEETING LOCATIONS, TIMES AND NOTICE	11
6.0	CLOSED MEETINGS OF COUNCIL	13
7.0	SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL	15
8.0	CALLING OF WORKSHOP MEETINGS.....	17
9.0	EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL	18
10.0	QUORUM FOR COUNCIL/ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS	18
11.0	AGENDA PREPARATION	19
12.0	ORDER OF BUSINESS	20
13.0	COUNCIL MINUTES.....	21
14.0	DUTIES OF THE MAYOR AND/OR CHAIR	21
15.0	DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS.....	23
16.0	DUTIES OF THE CLERK.....	25
17.0	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST ..	26
18.0	DELEGATIONS	28
19.0	PRESENTATIONS	29
20.0	MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	29
21.0	RULES OF DEBATE.....	30
22.0	MOTIONS	31
23.0	SPECIFIC MOTIONS	32
24.0	VOTING	35
25.0	BY-LAWS.....	37
26.0	COMMITTEES.....	38
27.0	COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT SPECIFIC	42
28.0	AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS	44
29.0	CONFLICT	45
30.0	PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW	45
31.0	ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY	46
32.0	ENACTMENT	48
	SCHEDULE A – COUNCIL AGENDA COMPOSITION – QUICK REFERENCE	49
	SCHEDULE B – SPECIFIC MOTIONS - QUICK REFERENCE	51
	SCHEDULE B – SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS - QUICK REFERENCE	52

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **"Act"** shall mean the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended from time to time;
- 1.2 **"Acting Chair"** shall mean the Presiding Officer of a Committee or Council to act in the place of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor when both are absent from a meeting of Council or Committee for any cause and who shall exercise all the rights, powers and authority of the Mayor or Chair;
- 1.3 **"Addendum"** shall mean any addition to a completed written Council agenda or addition to an item on the Council agenda that the Clerk believes is of an urgent nature and requires immediate attention or consideration;
- 1.4 **"Adoption of Minutes"** shall mean a heading on the agenda where Council approves previous Council meeting minutes by resolution;
- 1.5 **"Alternate Council Member"** shall mean the Council Member appointed by Council of the Municipality of West Grey to attend Grey County Council Meetings in the place of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of West Grey, when the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is unable to attend a Grey County Council/Committee of the Whole meeting for any reason. Such appointment shall be for the entire term of Council;
- 1.6 **"Business Arising from the Previous Meeting"** shall mean a heading on the agenda that is used for unfinished business from the previous meeting;
- 1.7 **"Call to Order"** shall mean the time when the members and the public are notified that the meeting is commencing;
- 1.8 **"CAO"** shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk of the Municipality of West Grey;
- 1.9 **"Chair"** shall mean the Presiding Officer of a Committee or Council meeting;
- 1.10 **"Clerk"** shall mean the Clerk of the Municipality of West Grey or his/her designate;

- 1.11 **"Closed Meeting"** shall mean a meeting, or part of a meeting, which is closed to the public as permitted by the Act, also referred to as an "in-camera meeting";
- 1.12 **"Code of Conduct"** shall mean a by-law to establish a Council Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time;
- 1.13 **"Committee of Adjustment"** shall mean a quasi-judicial tribunal appointed by Council with the authority to grant minor variances and consent (severance) applications pursuant to the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c.P.13, as amended;
- 1.14 **"Committee of the Whole"** shall mean a committee of Council comprised of all members of Council which serves as the principal forum for the consideration of recommendations and public input on matters of Council business prior to consideration by Council;
- 1.15 **"Committee of the Whole (Planning)"** shall mean a committee of Council that provides recommendations to Council regarding land use matters, including Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, and Subdivisions;
- 1.16 **"Committee"** shall mean a Committee, Board, Task Force or other body constituted and appointed by Council, including the Committee of the Whole, with the exception of the Public Library Board;
- 1.17 **"Confirming By-law"** shall mean a by-law to confirm all of the actions of Council during the meeting as intended to be legal and binding;
- 1.18 **"Consent Agenda"** shall mean a listing of general or regularly occurring reports or correspondence that can be dealt with in a single motion. The action for each item is provided in brackets on the consent agenda. A member may make brief comments on any item on the consent agenda prior to its adoption. Any item may be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Any items pulled for discussion shall be heard immediately after the consent agenda has been disposed of;
- 1.19 **"Council"** shall mean the Council of the Municipality of West Grey;

- 1.20 **"Declaration of Pecuniary Interest"** shall mean a declaration by a member of an item on the agenda that the member has a pecuniary interest as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and the member shall file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk at the meeting, or as soon as possible afterwards;
- 1.21 **"Delegation"** shall mean a person or group of persons who are not members of Council or West Grey staff who have requested and are permitted to address Council, individually or on behalf of a group;
- 1.22 **"Deputy Mayor"** shall mean the position that fulfills the responsibilities of the Mayor in his/her absence;
- 1.23 **"Direct Motion"** shall mean a motion introduced for the consideration of Council which due to time constraints, requires the immediate attention of Council. A two-thirds majority consent of Council is required to introduce a Direct Motion;
- 1.24 **"Division of Question"** shall mean a request by a Member to have a motion containing separate questions, recommendations or amendments, voted on in sections or parts;
- 1.25 **"Emergency Meeting"** shall mean a meeting summoned under Section 240 (a) or (b) of the Act to deal with an emergency or extraordinary situation only;
- 1.26 **"Ex-officio Member"** shall mean the Mayor's membership on all internal committees, sub-committees and working groups. Ex-officio means by virtue of office and therefore this member may attend any West Grey committee meetings and take part in discussion. The ex-officio member shall be a non-voting member and shall not be included when determining the number of members required for quorum or counted when determining if a quorum is present;
- 1.27 **"Friendly Amendment"** shall mean the motion under debate is amended with the consent of the mover and seconder, and without the requirement for an amending motion to be made;
- 1.28 **"In Writing"** shall mean handwritten, typewritten or electronically displayed;

- 1.29 **"Inaugural Meeting"** shall mean the first meeting of Council held after a municipal election in a regular election year;
- 1.30 **"Local Board"** shall mean a local board defined by the Municipal Act;
- 1.31 **"Majority Vote"** shall mean an affirmative vote of more than one-half of the members present and voting;
- 1.32 **"Matters Arising from Closed Session"** shall mean a summary of any discussion held in closed session and any required vote following the closed session discussion of Council or a Committee Meeting;
- 1.33 **"Mayor"** shall mean the Head of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey;
- 1.34 **"Meeting"** shall mean any regular, special or other meeting of a Council, of a local board or of a Committee of either of them, where;
- 1.34.1 A quorum of members is present; and
- 1.34.2 Members discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the Council, local board or Committee.
- 1.35 **"Member's Privilege"** shall mean the announcement of good news stories, reminders of upcoming events, or acknowledgement of recent events or training attended;
- 1.36 **"Member"** shall mean as it relates to Council and Standing Committees, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor of the Municipality of West Grey; and for other committees as defined in this by-law, shall mean a person elected or appointed to the committee;
- 1.37 **"Miscellaneous Correspondence"** shall mean a heading on the Council Agenda where items are not copied for attachment to the agenda but placed for Council information only unless referred to the Regular Agenda. Requests for Proclamations shall be listed in "Miscellaneous Correspondence" and filed as information unless requested to be considered under "New Business" by a majority vote of council;

- 1.38 **“Motion to Defer”** shall mean a motion to delay the consideration of a matter to a future meeting of Council or a Committee;
- 1.39 **“Motion to Receive”** shall mean a motion to acknowledge the particular item, report or recommendation under consideration and to have it placed in the records of Council with no additional action being taken;
- 1.40 **“Motion to Refer”** shall mean a motion to dispose of a question under consideration, with or without any proposed amendment, in order to seek consideration by, and, if deemed desirable, one or more reports from any designated committee, body or official;
- 1.41 **“Municipal Act – Notices”** shall mean a section in the Council agenda for notices pursuant to the Municipal Act and in accordance with West Grey By-law Number 3-2003, as amended. Items listed will be placed on the next regularly scheduled Council meeting;
- 1.42 **“Municipality/ Municipal”** shall mean the Municipality of West Grey;
- 1.43 **“New Business”** shall mean a heading on an agenda which items not considered by Council on any previous occasions are brought forward for discussion purposes;
- 1.44 **“Notice of Motion”** shall mean a motion brought forward by any member of Council for the consideration of Council. The Council member shall read the motion and shall present a copy of the motion in writing to the Clerk. The Clerk shall include the motion in the agenda of the next regular Council Meeting under “New Business”;
- 1.45 **“Open House”** shall mean an opportunity for the public to drop in to review display boards and discuss a study with West Grey staff or the Municipality’s consultant;
- 1.46 **“Open Meeting”** shall mean any meeting or portion thereof which is not closed to the public for appropriate reasons as defined in Section 6 of this by-law. All meetings shall be open unless there is a valid reason for the meeting to be closed. The public may not address Council without delegation or presentation status;

- 1.47 **“Order of Business”** shall mean the sequence of activities and/or discussions and decisions to be introduced and considered and shall be altered by 2/3 majority vote;
- 1.48 **“Point of Clarification”** shall mean when a member wants to clear up something that was stated. This is a statement and not a question;
- 1.49 **“Point of Information” or “Point of Parliamentary Inquiry”** shall mean a question asked about a motion or about the process taking place;
- 1.50 **“Point of Order”** shall mean a question by a member with the view to calling attention to any issue relating to the Procedure By-law or the conduct of Council’s business or in order to assist the member in understanding Council’s procedures, making an appropriate motion, or understanding the effect of a motion;
- 1.51 **“Point of Privilege” or “Personal Privilege”** shall mean a question by a member who believes that another member has spoken disrespectfully towards that member or another member or who considers that his or her integrity or that of a member or West Grey official has been impugned or questioned by the member. Can also be used when a member requires something relating to personal comfort such as temperature, noise level etc.;
- 1.52 **“Present”** shall mean physically in attendance at the meeting;
- 1.53 **“Presentation”** shall mean an address to Council or Committee by a consultant or associated body, or at the request of Council, a committee or staff;
- 1.54 **“Public Meeting” or “Public Information Meeting”** shall mean a meeting of staff and Council where members of the public may attend and may be invited to make submissions to staff, and is not a statutory public meeting under the purposes outlined in the Planning Act or the Municipal Act. Non-statutory public meetings do not require quorum and are for the purpose of staff obtaining comments from the public and to provide input based on the application. Minutes are to be received for information at the next available Regular Meeting of Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk;

- 1.55 **"Question Period"** shall mean a heading on a Council Agenda that provides for an inquiry by the public or media to Council members dealing with a matter specific to agenda business. A maximum of two (2) minutes per person is allotted for questions, with a maximum time allotted of ten (10) minutes in total. Each inquiry and response made during the Question Period shall be recorded in the minutes;
- 1.56 **"Quorum"** shall mean more than 50% of the applicable membership as it relates to Council and its committees;
- 1.57 **"Recorded Vote"** shall mean a written record of the name and vote of every member voting on any matter or question;
- 1.58 **"Reports of Municipal Officers"** shall mean a heading on an agenda to allow for the presentation of Department Head reports;
- 1.59 **"Resolution"** shall mean the decision of Council or its committees on any motion;
- 1.60 **"Special Committee"** shall mean a committee appointed by Council for a specific function which may be comprised of Members of Council with staff support;
- 1.61 **"Special Meeting"** shall mean meetings summoned under Section 240 (a) or (b) of the Act, having the same privileges as a Regular Council Meeting;
- 1.62 **"Statutory Public Meeting"** shall mean a meeting called to fulfill a statutory requirement of an Act. Information is presented and public input is encouraged. Separate minutes shall be kept if a statutory public meeting is not held within a regular Council meeting;
- 1.63 **"Sub-Committee"** shall mean a committee established by Council to work on and report on a specific function within the mandate of the standing committee. Sub-committees may or may not contain members of Council;
- 1.64 **"Task Force"** shall mean a group appointed by Council that has a defined purpose and mandate to allow residents with experience, interest and/or opinions in a particular subject area to provide input on a specific issue, through a balanced public process. The mandate of a task force will be community based

fact-finding missions related to an important matter in West Grey. A task force will find and deal with factual information to find common ground or majority agreement on issues of a potentially controversial nature in the Municipality and shall not have Council member representation as voting members, but may have representation in a supporting role;

- 1.65 **"Two-Third Vote"** shall mean an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the members present;
- 1.66 **"West Grey"** shall mean the Municipality of West Grey;
- 1.67 **"Working Group"** shall mean a group appointed by Council who have a defined purpose and mandate to allow residents with knowledge and experience in a particular subject area to provide input on a specific issue. The mandate of a working group will be related to an important matter in the community that is of a minimally controversial nature in the Municipality and shall have at least one (1) Member of Council representation as a voting member.

2.0 APPLICATION

- 2.1 **General** The rules of procedure set out in this by-law shall govern all proceedings of Council and committees;
- 2.2 **Statutory Requirements** Notwithstanding anything in this by-law, where Council or a committee convenes for the purpose of holding a hearing as required by any statute, the provisions of the statute and the [Statutory Powers Procedure Act](#), as applicable, shall govern the proceedings;
- 2.3 **Rules of Order Not Covered** To the extent that a matter is not dealt with in the Act or this by-law, Council and committees shall have regard to Robert's Rules of Order;
- 2.4 **Use of Pronouns** Throughout this by-law, the words "he" and "his" shall, where appropriate be deemed to read "she" and "her"

3.0 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

- 3.1 **General** Any motion to suspend any provisions of this by-law shall be used only when absolutely necessary and shall always require a 2/3 vote.

4.0 ELECTRONIC MEDIA

- 4.1 **Audio and Video Recording** Open meetings may not be electronically or mechanically recorded by any member of the public without prior consent of Council through resolution and by written request by the requestor Any recordings conducted during a Council or committee meeting after obtaining consent shall be for personal use only and are not to be made public or distributed in any way without the prior consent by resolution of Council or committee for the public use of the recording;
- 4.2 **Recordings under Agreement** Council reserves the right to enter into agreements for the audio and/or video of open meeting recordings of Council and Committee meetings that shall be posted on the West Grey website soon thereafter;
- 4.3 **Electronic Devices in Council Chambers** Electronic devices are permitted in Council Chambers provided that they are turned to silent or vibrate during the meeting and are not used to record any aspect of the Council or committee meeting, unless consent has been obtained as per Section 4.1.

5.0 MEETING LOCATIONS, TIMES AND NOTICE

- 5.1 **Inaugural Meeting of Council** The inaugural meeting of Council for the 2018-2022 term of Council shall be held in the West Grey Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December following a regular municipal election. Thereafter, subsequent inaugural meetings of Council shall be held in the West Grey Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2022, unless it falls on a weekend, and in that case, shall be held on the following Monday following a regular municipal election. The Mayor shall determine the order of the seating of the members of Council prior to the Inaugural Meeting of Council;

- 5.2 **Inaugural Meeting of Council Agenda** The Clerk shall have prepared for the Members of Council at the inaugural meeting an "Order of Business" as follows, to also include other ceremonial proceedings as deemed necessary and/or desirable:
- 5.2.1 Call to Order
 - 5.2.2 Declarations of Office
 - 5.2.3 Mayor's Inaugural Address
 - 5.2.4 Confirmation By-law
 - 5.2.5 Statements by Members (non-debatable)
 - 5.2.6 Adjournment;
- 5.3 **Meeting Schedule** Council shall annually adopt a regular meeting schedule for its meetings to be held in the following year including the dates, times and locations for such meetings and the Clerk shall publish the schedule on the West Grey website;
- 5.4 **Cancellation due to Weather** In the event of inclement weather, the Chair or designate has the authority to cancel a Council meeting;
- 5.5 **Notice of Cancellations** In the event of a meeting cancellation, staff will post notice of the meeting cancellation on West Grey's website, email notification group, and notify the members by email or by telephone. If the cancellation occurs at the last minute or after regular business hours and staff is unable to post the cancellation as noted, notice shall be posted as soon as it is practical to do so;
- 5.6 **11:00 p.m. Adjournment** For all meetings, no item of business shall be dealt with after 11:00 p.m., unless consent has been obtained as per Section 3.1. Should the meeting agenda not be completed, all items left over shall be carried over to the next meeting;
- 5.7 **Notice to the Members** Notice of meetings including agendas, minutes and supporting documentation to the members shall be via electronic mail. Notice may also be provided by telephone or personal contact in case of an emergency;

- 5.8 **Notice to the Public Agenda** Information distributed by the Clerk to members shall be made available to the public through posting to West Grey's website, and sent to the email group at approximately the same time as it is made available to the members;

6.0 CLOSED MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 **Exceptions to Open Meeting Requirements** All regular and special meetings of Council shall be open to the public unless the subject matters to be considered relate to:
- 6.1.1 The security of the property of the municipality or local board;
 - 6.1.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
 - 6.1.3 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
 - 6.1.4 Labour relations or employee negotiations;
 - 6.1.5 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
 - 6.1.6 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - 6.1.7 A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
 - 6.1.8 Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
 - 6.1.9 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

- 6.1.10 A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
 - 6.1.11 A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board;
 - 6.1.12 A request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act;
 - 6.1.13 An ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombudsman Act, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1);
 - 6.1.14 The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members and at the meeting no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee;
- 6.2 **Closed Meeting Procedure** A motion outlining the general nature of the subject matter is required before going into closed session. No vote will be taken at a closed meeting except for a procedural matter, or for giving directions or instructions to officers, employees or agents of the Municipality, local board or Committee of either of them or persons retained by or under a contract with the Municipality or local board.
- 6.3 **Notice of Closed Meetings** Notice of closed meetings of Council shall be included on the regular Council agenda;
- 6.4 **Reporting Out & Confidentiality of Closed Session Discussions** A summary of any discussion held in closed session and any required vote will occur following the closed session discussion of Council or a Committee Meeting. No Member shall disclose or discuss, through written, electronic or verbal communication, to any individual or corporate third party, any information that has been or will be discussed at a closed

session meeting of Council or a Committee until such time that Council or a Committee has determined or has been advised by staff that the matter, or any part of the matter, can be made public subject to review by the Head or designate under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) or if directed to do so by a court;

6.5 **Application of Open & Closed Meeting Provisions to all Committees** The provisions of Section 239 of the Municipal Act and of this Procedure By-law shall apply to all Committees;

6.6 **Closed Meeting Investigation**

6.6.1 A person may request that an investigation be undertaken to determine whether Council or other Committee complied with the requirements of the Municipal Act and this Procedure By-law in respect of a Meeting or part of a Meeting closed to the public.

6.6.2 A person may initiate such a request by completing and submitting a copy of the "Application for Investigation of Closed Meetings" form, which is available on the West Grey website or at the Municipal Office.

6.6.3 If a municipality or a local board receives a report from the Closed Meeting Investigator reporting his or her opinion, and the reasons for it, that a meeting or part of a meeting that was the subject-matter of an investigation by the closed meeting investigator appears to have been closed to the public contrary to section 239 or to a procedure by-law under subsection 238 (2), the municipality or the local board, as the case may be, shall pass a resolution stating how it intends to address the report.

7.0 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

7.1 **Mayor May Request** The Mayor may at any time summon a special meeting of Council as per the Municipal Act S.240 (a) and include a clear statement of the purpose of the Special Council meeting;

- 7.2 **Members Request** The Clerk shall, upon receipt of a written request of the majority of the members, call a special meeting for the purpose and time mentioned in the request as per the Municipal Act S.240 (b) and include the following:
- 7.2.1 Original signatures of Members; and
 - 7.2.2 A clear statement of the purpose of the special Meeting;
- 7.3 **CAO/Clerk Request** The CAO and/or Clerk may at any time request a special meeting of Council when required to deal with items specifically outlined on the agenda. Special meetings may be called for the purposes of training, workshops, items which may need immediate attention or items which are required for the purposes of the continuity of municipal business. These meetings will be arranged subject to the majority of Council's availability;
- 7.4 **Special Meeting Notice Timing** The Clerk shall provide all members with at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of a special meeting;
- 7.5 **Special Meeting Minimum Notice Requirements to Members** Minimum notice shall consist of electronic notice followed by a telephone message to all members if required. If members accept the electronic meeting request, telephone communication will be deemed unnecessary;
- 7.6 **Special Meeting Business** The only business to be dealt with at a special meeting is that which is identified in the notice of the meeting;
- 7.7 **Special Meeting Validity** The Clerk will attempt to contact every member in relation to a special meeting as outlined under Section 7.4. The lack of receipt of a notice or of an agenda for a special meeting by any member shall not affect the validity of the meeting or any action taken thereat;
- 7.8 **Special Meeting Notice to the Public** Notice for special meetings of Council shall be posted as soon as practical after being established on West Grey's website. Agendas and supporting documentation shall be posted as soon as practical prior to the special meeting as per section 5.8;

- 7.9 **Special Meetings under the Emergency management and Civil Protection Act** A Special Meeting may be held, without notice, to deal with an emergency situation as defined under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#), provided that an attempt has been made to reach the Members by telephone and/or e-mail at their respective residence and/or place of A Special Meeting may be Business. No business, except business dealing directly with the emergency situation, shall be transacted at that meeting. The forty-eight (48) hour notice required may be waived in the case of emergency as may be determined by the Mayor (or alternate) and/or CAO/Clerk/CEMC (or alternate) and documented in writing (memo or e-mail) to the Clerk

8.0 CALLING OF WORKSHOP MEETINGS

- 8.1 **Training and / or Workshop Meetings** The Mayor and/or CAO and/or Clerk may convene a training and / or workshop meeting for Members of Council to discuss issues in an informal venue.
- 8.1.1 With the exception of Procedural Matters, no motions are passed and no matter is discussed which advances the business of the Municipality; and
- 8.1.2 A record describing, in general terms, the proceedings and the subject matter discussed is made at all workshop meetings and placed on a future Council agenda to be received only for the purposes of information;
- 8.2 **Notice of Workshop Meetings (posting of the agenda)** The Clerk gives Notice of Workshop Meetings of Council by:
- 8.2.1 Providing, at least 48 hours in advance, Notice to Council in person, by telephone, or electronic mail that indicates the date and time of the workshop meeting and the general nature of the matters to be discussed;
- 8.2.2 Posting a Notice on the West Grey website and Municipal Office bulletin board and sent to the email group that indicates the date and time of the workshop meeting and general nature of the matters to be discussed.

9.0 EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 9.1 **Authority to Call Emergency Meeting** Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, an emergency meeting may be summoned by the Mayor without written notice or upon receipt of a written request of the majority of the members, to deal with an emergency or extraordinary situation, provided that an attempt has been made by the Clerk to notify the members about the meeting as soon as possible and in the most expedient manner available;
- 9.2 **Emergency Meeting Business** No business except business dealing directly with the emergency or extraordinary situation shall be transacted at the emergency meeting;
- 9.3 **Emergency Meeting Validity** Lack of receipt of a notice or of an agenda for an emergency meeting by any member shall not affect the validity of the meeting or any action taken thereat;
- 9.4 **Emergency Meeting Notice** Notice and supporting documentation shall be posted on West Grey's website as soon as practical;

10.0 QUORUM FOR COUNCIL/ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 10.1 **Majority for Quorum** A quorum shall consist of not less than a majority of Council members as established by Section 237(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001. For a Council composition of 7, 4 members are required for a quorum to be present;
- 10.2 **No Quorum Present at Beginning** If a quorum is not present at a scheduled meeting thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled commencement time, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the date of the next regular meeting and the Clerk shall record the names of the members present;
- 10.3 **Loss of Quorum During Meeting** If a quorum is lost during a meeting and the quorum is not re-established within fifteen (15) minutes, the meeting shall stand adjourned and all unfinished business shall be carried forward to the next meeting;

- 10.4 **Quorum and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**
Notwithstanding Section 10.3 where the number of members, who by reason of the provisions of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, are prohibited from participating in a meeting is such that, at that meeting, the remaining members are not of sufficient number to constitute a quorum, the remaining number of members shall be deemed to constitute a quorum, provided such number is not less than two;
- 10.5 **Absence of Council Members** Notwithstanding Subsection 259(1)(c) of the Act, an office is not vacated by a Member of Council who is absent for 20 consecutive weeks or less if the absence is as a result of the Member's pregnancy, the birth of the Member's child or the adoption of a child by the Member in accordance with Subsection 259(1.1) of the Act. The Member shall provide the Clerk with written notice of an absence of 20 consecutive weeks or less as a result of the Member's pregnancy, the birth of the Member's child or the adoption of a child by the Member. Council shall appoint another Member or Member's to attend Committee meetings that the Member is appointed to in the Member's absence. A Member of Council on pregnancy and/or parental leave shall continue to be paid their respective honorarium;
- 10.6 **Temporary Replacement, Member of Upper Tier Council**
Council may appoint an alternate Member of Council as a temporary replacement for a Member on the upper-tier (Grey County) Council pursuant to Subsections 268 (1), (2) & (3) of the Municipal Act by a resolution of Council.

11.0 AGENDA PREPARATION

Agenda Timing and Composition The final agenda, along with copies of any supporting documentation shall be prepared by the Clerk and made available to members and posted on the West Grey website by 2:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding any regular Monday Council meeting. The agenda will consist of the following headings as required:

- 11.1.1 Call to Order
- 11.1.2 Moment of Reflection
- 11.1.3 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- 11.1.4 Closed Session
- 11.1.5 Matters Arising from the Closed Session
- 11.1.6 Public Meetings
- 11.1.7 Consent Agenda
- 11.1.8 Adoption of Minutes
- 11.1.9 Routine Department Reports
- 11.1.10 Miscellaneous Correspondence – for information only
- 11.1.11 Future Committee Meetings
- 11.1.12 Communications from the Mayor and Council
- 11.1.13 Delegations/Presentations
- 11.1.14 Business Arising for the Previous Meeting
- 11.1.15 Staff Reports
- 11.1.16 By-Laws
- 11.1.17 New Business
- 11.1.18 Addendum
- 11.1.19 Closed Session (Incomplete Items)
- 11.1.20 Matters Arising from Closed Session (Incomplete Items)
- 11.1.21 Question Period
- 11.1.22 Municipal Act - Notices
- 11.1.23 Adjournment;

- 11.2 **Electronic System Failure** In the case of an electronic system failure, power interruption, or any other extenuating circumstance that hinders the posting of the agenda, it shall be posted as soon as possible. Council members shall be notified.

12.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 12.1 **Agenda Order** The business of Council shall be taken in the order in which it stands upon the agenda as prepared;
- 12.2 **Items Left Undisposed** When any agenda item or items are left undisposed of at the time of adjournment, either for want of a quorum or otherwise, such agenda item or items shall be taken up in succession under the heading Unfinished Business or as the first order of business of each respective heading at the next meeting or special meeting called for that purpose of Council;
- 12.3 **Moving Items Forward on the Agenda** The order of items may be prioritized by a two thirds majority vote of Council to address identified issues for those in attendance;

13.0 COUNCIL MINUTES

- 13.1 **Content of Minutes** The minutes of Council, as taken by the Clerk, shall consist of:
- 13.1.1 The place, date and time of the meeting;
 - 13.1.2 The name of the chair and the attendance of the members and staff;
 - 13.1.3 Each item considered by Council and the decisions;
 - 13.1.4 The results of any recorded vote;
 - 13.1.5 The adoption of minutes of prior meetings;
 - 13.1.6 Pursuant to the Municipal Act, the minutes shall be without note or comment;
- 13.2 **Minutes Presented to Members** Minutes of Council shall be prepared by the Clerk and presented to the members within five (5) business days following the meeting;

14.0 DUTIES OF THE MAYOR AND/OR CHAIR

- 14.1 **Per Municipal Act s. 226.1** As chief executive officer of a municipality, the head of council shall:
- 14.1.1 Uphold and promote the purposes of the municipality;
 - 14.1.2 Promote public involvement in the municipality's activities;
 - 14.1.3 Act as the representative of the municipality both within and outside the municipality, and promote the municipality locally, nationally and internationally; and participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and its residents;
- 14.2 **Responsibilities of the Mayor** It shall be the duty of the Mayor to:
- 14.2.1 Authenticate by signature, all by-laws and minutes of the Council;
 - 14.2.2 Represent and support Council, declaring Council's will and implicitly obey its decisions in all things;
 - 14.2.3 Be an ex-officio member on all West Grey initiated committees, sub-committees or working groups;

- 14.3 **Responsibilities of the Chair** In addition to the responsibilities of the Head of Council as set out in the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, it shall be the duty of the Chair to ensure an efficient meeting by:
- 14.3.1 Maintaining order and decorum;
 - 14.3.2 Deciding on all questions of order, subject to an appeal by Council;
 - 14.3.3 Receiving and submitting, in the proper manner, all motions presented to the members of Council;
 - 14.3.4 Putting to vote all questions which are properly brought before Council or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings and announcing the results;
 - 14.3.5 Ruling on all procedural matters without debate or comment;
 - 14.3.6 Declining to put to a vote motions which do not comply with the rules of procedure or which are not within the jurisdiction of Council;
 - 14.3.7 Restraining the members, within the rules of order, when engaged in debate;
 - 14.3.8 Calling by name any member persisting in breaching the rules of order of Council and may order the member to vacate the Council Chamber;
 - 14.3.9 Adjourning or suspending the meeting if he/she considers it necessary because of grave disorder;
 - 14.3.10 Remaining neutral and not entering into debate or discussions while in the Chair;
 - 14.3.11 The Chair shall vacate the chair in order to move or second a motion and shall resume the chair following the vote on the matter;
- 14.4 **Right to Expel** The Chair may expel or exclude from any meeting any person or member whom he feels has exhibited improper conduct at the meeting as per the Municipal Act S.241(2);
- 14.5 **Chair Moving a Resolution or Debating** When the Chair wishes to move or second a resolution before Council or enter into debate on a specific topic, he/she may call the Deputy

Mayor to the Chair, present his/her resolution or comments from the floor and remain out of the Chair until the motion, all amendments, and the main motion to it have been disposed of. In the event that the Deputy Mayor is unable to assume the Chair, the Mayor shall call for an alternate member to assume the Chair;

- 14.6 **Absence of Mayor and Deputy Mayor** If the Mayor does not attend a meeting of Council within fifteen minutes after the hour appointed, the Deputy Mayor shall preside at the Council meeting until, or if, the mayor attends the Council meeting. In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Clerk shall convene the meeting and call for a motion to fill the role of Chair. The member chosen shall preside during such absence and shall, while in the chair, have vested in him/her all the powers as given by this by-law to the Mayor with respect to the role of presiding at meetings.

15.0 DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

- 15.1 **Role of Council** It is the role of Council,
- 15.1.1 To represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
 - 15.1.2 To develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
 - 15.1.3 To determine which services the municipality provides;
 - 15.1.4 To ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council;
 - 15.1.5 To ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;
 - 15.1.6 To maintain the financial integrity of the municipality; and;
To carry out the duties of Council under the Municipal Act or other Act

15.2 **Conduct of Members** No member shall:

- 15.2.1 Speak disrespectfully of any member of Federal or Provincial parliaments, Council or employee of West Grey;
- 15.2.2 Use offensive words or un-parliamentary language;
- 15.2.3 Engage in private conversation while in a Council meeting or use electronic devices (including cellular phones and pagers) in a manner which interrupts the proceedings of Council;
- 15.2.4 Leave his/her seat or make any noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken and until the result of the vote is announced;
- 15.2.5 Speak on any subject other than the subject under debate;
- 15.2.6 Where a matter has been discussed in closed session and where the matter remains confidential, disclose the content of the matter or the substance of deliberations of the closed meeting;
- 15.2.7 Criticize any decision of Council except for the purpose of moving that the question be reconsidered; or
- 15.2.8 Disobey the rules of Council or a decision of the Chair or of Council on questions of order or practice or upon the interpretation of the rules of Council. In case a member persists in any such disobedience after having been called to order by the Chair, the Chair shall not recognize that member, except for the purpose of receiving an apology from the member tendered at that meeting or any subsequent meeting;

15.3 **Addressing the Chair** Should more than one member indicate the intent to address the Chair, the Chair shall determine who is entitled to the floor and the order of the remaining members for speaking.

If a Member disobeys a rule in this Procedure By-law or a Chair's ruling:

- 15.3.1 After the first occurrence, the Chair calls the Member to order.

- 15.3.2 After the second occurrence, if the Member continues to disobey this Procedure By-law or the Chair's ruling, the Chair will immediately order the Member to leave his/her seat and observe the Meeting from the audience for the remainder of the Meeting;
- 15.3.3 Any Member other than the Offending Member may appeal the Chair's ruling, and Council or a Committee may overturn or uphold the Chair's ruling. Should the Chair's ruling be overturned, the Offending Member may return to his/her seat;
- 15.3.4 If the Offending Member informs the CAO that he/she wishes to apologize, the Clerk will inform the Chair of the Member's request;
- 15.3.5 At the next available opportunity in the Meeting, the Chair will allow the Offending Member to return to his/her seat to apologize to Council or a Committee. The apology will not include additional comments or debate by the Offending Member or by Council or a Committee;
- 15.3.6 After an apology is made by the Offending Member, Council or a Committee may consent to allow the Offending Member to return to the Meeting.
- 15.3.7 Should at any point the Offending Member create a disturbance while seated in the audience, the Chair will order the Offending Member to leave the Council chamber or meeting room;
- 15.3.8 Council cannot appeal and the Offending Member cannot seek an apology from Council for the Chair's ruling;
- 15.3.9 If the Offending Member refuses to leave his/her seat or leave the Council chamber or meeting room, the Chair may request the CAO to contact security or Police for assistance.

16.0 DUTIES OF THE CLERK

- 16.1 **Role of the Clerk as per the Municipal Act** As per the Municipal Act S.228(1), it is the role of the Clerk,

- 16.1.1 To record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of Council;
- 16.1.2 If required by any member present at a vote, to record the name and vote of every member voting on any matter or question;
- 16.1.3 To keep the original copies of all by-laws and all minutes of the proceedings of Council;
- 16.2 **Role of the Clerk Assigned by the Municipality related to Council** Other duties of the Clerk as assigned by the Municipality include:
 - 16.2.1 To sign every by-law and minutes approved by Council;
 - 16.2.2 To call the meetings to order and preside until the election of a Chair in the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor;
 - 16.2.3 To advise the Chair on procedural matters;
 - 16.2.4 To prepare and circulate the agenda and supporting information;
 - 16.2.5 To prepare the minutes and distribute to members within five (5) days of the Council meeting;
 - 16.2.6 To advise all departments of decisions by Council;
 - 16.2.7 To schedule delegations and presentations for Council meetings;
- 16.3 **Powers of Deputy Clerk** In the absence of the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk shall have all of the powers and duties of the Clerk;
- 16.4 **Delegation of Powers** The Clerk may delegate in writing to any person, other than a member of Council, any of the Clerk's powers and duties, but may continue to exercise the delegated powers and duties despite the delegation

17.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 17.1 **Member's Responsibility** As per the [Municipal Conflict of Interest Act](#) S.5(1), where a member, either on his/her own behalf or while acting for, by with or through another has any

pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter and is present at a meeting at which the matter is the subject of consideration, the member shall, in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act:

- 17.1.1 Prior to any consideration of the matter at the meeting, disclose the member's interest and the general nature thereof; and
 - 17.1.2 Not take part in the discussion of or vote on any question in respect of the matter, and
 - 17.1.3 Not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on the matter and;
 - 17.1.4 File a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk at the meeting, or as soon as possible afterwards.
- 17.2 **Closed Meeting Declarations** Where a meeting is not open to the public, in addition to complying with the requirements of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, the member shall forthwith leave the meeting or the part of the meeting during which the matter is under consideration per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act S.5(2);
- 17.3 **Non-Disclosure Due to Absence** Where the interest of a member has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from a particular meeting, the member shall disclose his/her interest and otherwise comply at the first meeting of the Council or committee, as the case may be, attended by the member after the particular meeting per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act S.5(3);
- 17.4 **Clerk's Duty to Record** The Clerk shall record in reasonable detail the particulars of any disclosure of pecuniary interest made by a member. This record shall appear in the minutes of that meeting and the Clerk shall maintain a registry as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act S.6(1)

18.0 DELEGATIONS

- 18.1 **Responsibility of Clerk** Any person desiring to present information on matters of fact or to make a request of Council shall give notice and disclose the subject matter to the Clerk by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting at which such person desires to be heard. No delegation is permitted to discuss the same matter with Council or Committees more than twice per calendar year;
- 18.2 **Documentation Required** Any person who is scheduled to appear as a delegation before Council is required to submit to the Clerk, a written and/or electronic request to appear as a delegation, noting the subject matter, not later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. If the delegate wishes to present a presentation; it must be included with the original request;
- 18.3 **Time Limit** Each delegation shall be limited in speaking to not more than ten (10) minutes. Extensions to these limits will be at the discretion of Council. No more than three (3) delegations shall be permitted at any one meeting, and no delegations shall be permitted after the agenda is set, unless it is of a time sensitive nature and is authorized by the Mayor or Chair. The Mayor or Chair shall notify the delegate when the time has elapsed. Council members shall limit their comments to questions for clarification purposes only;
- 18.4 **Delegate Address** All delegates shall address the Chair from the podium and shall state their name and whom they represent;
- 18.5 **Conduct of Delegates** No delegates shall:
- 18.5.1 Speak disrespectfully of any person;
 - 18.5.2 Use offensive language;
 - 18.5.3 Speak on any subject other than the subject for which he has received approval to address Council;
 - 18.5.4 Disobey the rules of procedure or any decision of the Chair or Council on any other procedural matters;

- 18.6 **Delegation Curtailment** The Chair may curtail any delegation, any questions of a delegate or debate during a delegation for disorder or any other breach of this by-law, and if the Chair rules that the delegation is concluded, the person or persons appearing shall withdraw;
- 18.7 **Delegation Content** Every communication, including petitions designed to be presented to Council must be legibly written, typed or printed and shall not contain any obscene matter or language and shall be signed by at least one person and filed with the Clerk.
- 18.8 **Limits on Delegations** No delegation is permitted to discuss the same matter with Council or Committees more than twice per calendar year.

19.0 PRESENTATIONS

- 19.1 **Time Limit** Presentations that are requested by Council, a committee or staff shall be held to the 10 minute time limit of delegations unless otherwise indicated on the Council agenda, or authorized by Council;
- 19.2 **Presentation Content** Presentations can include training for Council, information from contractors, presentations of study findings by consultants or other such requests;
- 19.3 **Supporting Documentation Required** Any supporting documentation shall be provided to the Clerk in a written and/or electronic format by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting for inclusion on the Council agenda.

20.0 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 20.1 **Conduct of Audience at a Meeting** Members of the public who constitute the audience at a meeting shall refrain from any activity or behavior that would affect Council deliberations and shall not:
- 20.1.1 Address Council or committee without permission;
 - 20.1.2 Bring signage, placards or banners into meetings; or
 - 20.1.3 Interfere with the conduct of the Council or committee meeting in any way.

21.0 RULES OF DEBATE

- 21.1 **Addressing Council** To address Council, a member shall request to speak, be recognized by the Chair and direct all comments through the Chair;
- 21.2 **Address the Chair** Prior to speaking to any question or motion, each member shall address the Chair;
- 21.3 **Order of Speakers** When two or more members indicate their desire to speak at the same time, the Chair shall designate the order of speakers;
- 21.4 **Interruptions** When a member is speaking, no other member shall interrupt the member speaking except to raise a point of order, privilege or personal privilege;
- 21.5 **Motion to be Repeated** Any member may require a motion or question under discussion to be read at any time during the debate but not so as to interrupt the member speaking;
- 21.6 **Speaking to a Question** Members must indicate their intention to speak to a question through the Chair. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without Council's permission, except that a reply shall be permitted only from the member who has presented the main motion. The total time a member may take to speak and obtain any necessary clarification shall not be more than five minutes regardless if they speak one or two times. The mover and seconder of a motion have the opportunity to speak first to a motion. Members' comments are relevant to the matter of business before Council or a Committee. Members shall express themselves succinctly without repetition;
- 21.7 **Content of Questions Permitted** A member may ask a question only for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the matter under discussion and the question shall be stated briefly and asked only of the Chair, the previous speaker, the CAO, Department Heads or their designates. A member may also state a point to the matter under discussion without asking a question;

21.8 **Point of Order** When a member rises on a point of order, point of privilege or point of personal privilege, the member shall ask leave of the Chair to explain the point. After leave is granted, the member shall state the point to the Chair and then remain silent until the Chair has ruled upon the point. Subject to being overruled by Council on a vote which shall be taken immediately and without debate, the Chair shall rule on the point. Any member may challenge the ruling of the Chair immediately following the ruling. The Chair's ruling is final unless it is challenged. Council's decision, by vote, is final if the Chair is challenged.

22.0 MOTIONS

22.1 **Motions outside Jurisdiction of Council** A motion or notice of motion in respect of a matter which is not within the jurisdiction of the Council shall not be in order and shall not be considered by the Council;

22.2 **Withdrawn Motion** After a motion has been proposed and seconded, and placed in the hands of the Chair, it shall be considered to be in the possession of the Council but may be withdrawn by the mover and seconder if there are no objections from any members. If any member objects, the motion may only be withdrawn by a vote of the members present to grant the request for withdrawal. Withdrawn motions are treated as if they had never been presented;

22.3 **Motions Permitted Without Written Notice** The following may be introduced orally without written notice and without leave of Council:

- 22.3.1 A point of order, privilege or personal privilege;
- 22.3.2 A motion to waive or suspend the rules of procedure;
- 22.3.3 A motion to recess;
- 22.3.4 A motion to adjourn;
- 22.3.5 A motion to call the question;
- 22.3.6 A motion to separate the question;
- 22.3.7 A motion to receive an item;
- 22.3.8 A motion to table an item;
- 22.3.9 A motion to lift from the table;

- 22.3.10 A motion to refer;
- 22.3.11 A motion to defer;
- 22.3.12 A simple amendment to a main motion;
- 22.4 **Motions to be Moved and Seconded** A motion shall be moved and seconded before being open for discussion and consideration;
- 22.5 **Members May Vote Against** A member may move a motion in order to initiate discussion and debate and that member may vote in opposition to the motion. A seconder of a motion may vote against the motion.

23.0 SPECIFIC MOTIONS

- 23.1 **Motion to Recess** A motion to recess is not debatable;
- 23.2 **Motion to Adjourn** A motion to adjourn the Council meeting is not debatable and shall always be in order except:
 - 23.2.1 When another member is in possession of the floor;
 - 23.2.2 When a vote has been called;
 - 23.2.3 When the members are voting, or
 - 23.2.4 When a member has indicated to the Chair his/her desire to speak on the matter before Council;
 - 23.2.5 A motion to adjourn and amendments thereto shall take precedence over any other motion and shall be put immediately without debate, except for the Chair to indicate any remaining pressing needs, in which case the member shall have the option to withdraw the motion to adjourn;
- 23.3 **Call the Question** A motion to call the question is not debatable. A member who moved the motion to call the question shall not be allowed to speak to the question again if the motion is decided in the negative. A motion to call the question shall be put immediately without debate. If the motion passes, those members who had indicated their request to speak before the motion was presented shall be heard prior to closing debate;

- 23.4 **Motion to Table** A motion to table is not amendable or debatable and shall apply to the motion and any amendments under debate when the motion to table is made. If the motion to table carries, in the absence of any direction from Council, the matter may not be discussed until a member, through a Notice of Motion, brings it forward to a subsequent meeting;
- 23.5 **Motion to Defer** A motion to defer, and any amendment to it, is debatable and shall include:
- 23.5.1 The time to or period within which, consideration of the matter is to be deferred; and
- 23.5.2 Whatever explanation is necessary to demonstrate the purpose of the motion to defer;
- 23.6 **Motion to Refer** A motion to refer, and any amendment to it, is debatable and shall include:
- 23.6.1 The name of the committee or official to whom the motion or amendment is to be referred;
- 23.6.2 The terms upon which it is to be referred and the time or period, if any, on or within which the matter is to be returned;
- 23.7 **Amendments** A motion to amend is debatable. Only one motion to amend a main motion shall be on the floor at any one time. An amendment shall be relevant to the question in order to be received. An amendment shall not be received if proposing a direct negative to the question. An amendment shall be out of order if it is ruled by the Chair to be a substantive motion and not an amendment. An amendment which, in effect, is nothing more than a rejection of the main motion shall not be in order. After the motion to amend has been voted on, the main motion, as amended, shall be put to a vote if no other amendments are pending;
- 23.8 **Consideration of Matter Previously Deferred** A motion that Council consider a matter previously deferred indefinitely or to a time or eventuality which has not yet been reached or occurred, is debatable and shall be presented only if the Council so decides, by a 2/3 majority vote;

- 23.9 **Motion to Reconsider** A motion to reconsider can only be made in the same meeting that the motion has been voted on. Only a member who voted on the prevailing side can move to reconsider a vote. A motion to reconsider is debatable if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable. The debate can go into the merits of the motion to be reconsidered. The motion is not amendable. No motion can be reconsidered if any provisions relating to the motion have been carried out. A motion to reconsider places an item back on the table for further discussion and another vote on the main question including any and all amendments that were passed with it. No discussion of the main question shall be allowed until the motion for reconsideration is carried. Once the question is reopened, it is reopened in its entirety. If the question is reopened, all previous decisions of the Council remain in force unless the Council decides otherwise. No motion to reconsider may, itself, be the subject of a motion to reconsider;
- 23.10 **Motion to Rescind** A motion to rescind is a main motion that requires notice through a notice of motion and a 2/3 vote to pass. The motion to rescind is the motion by which a previous action or order can be cancelled. The effect of this motion is to strike out an entire main motion that had been adopted at some previous time. The motion to rescind is debatable and is not amendable and requires 2/3 vote. This motion is not in order when something has been done that is impossible to undo or notification has been provided when it affects a specific person;
- 23.11 **Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted** A motion to amend something previously adopted is a main motion that requires notice through a notice of motion and a 2/3 majority vote to pass. This motion is used to change only a part of the text or to substitute a different version to what was adopted previously. The motion to amend something previously adopted is debatable and is amendable and requires 2/3 majority vote. This motion is not in order when something has been done that is impossible to undo or notification has been provided when it affects a specific person and cannot be used to amend the motion in a way that is contrary;

- 23.12 **Renewal Motion** A motion to renew is not in itself a main motion, but an act of bringing forward a motion, or a motion substantially the same as, a motion that had been disposed of at a previous meeting. The motion requires notice through a notice of motion and a 2/3 vote to pass if within the twelve month period from which it was originally considered. A motion that was lost previously is not required to obtain a 2/3 majority vote to pass. The member bringing forward the renewal motion must indicate the date that the original motion was entered upon the minutes;
- 23.13 **Dilatory Motions** Misused with the purpose of obstructing business (such as a series of points of order, appeals, motions to table when used frivolously so as to not allow a decision to be made in an efficient manner)
- 23.13.1 Absurd in substance;
 - 23.13.2 Frivolous; or
 - 23.13.3 Unwarranted;
- 23.14 **Improper Motions** are those that;
- 23.14.1 Are outside of the scope of jurisdiction;
 - 23.14.2 Conflict with a previously adopted motion;
 - 23.14.3 Present essentially the same question that has been defeated earlier in the same meeting without a motion to reconsider; or
 - 23.14.4 Present a question that Council still has within its reach (such as an item that had been referred to committee or staff to come back to Council).

24.0 VOTING

- 24.1 **Order of Voting** Motions relating to an item under consideration (main motions) shall be voted on in the following order:
- 24.1.1 A motion to adjourn;
 - 24.1.2 A motion to recess;
 - 24.1.3 A motion to call the question;
 - 24.1.4 A motion to table an item;
 - 24.1.5 A motion to defer;
 - 24.1.6 A motion to refer;
 - 24.1.7 A motion to amend, in reverse order of its being placed;

- 24.1.8 The main motion;
- 24.2 **Members Shall Vote** Every member present at a meeting of Council where a question is put shall vote on the question, unless prohibited by statute, in which case the Clerk shall so record. If any member present does not vote at a meeting of the Council where a question is put, he/she shall be deemed to vote in the negative except where the member is prohibited from voting by statute;
- 24.3 **Chair to State the Question** Immediately preceding the taking of a vote, the Chair shall state the question in the precise form in which it will be recorded in the minutes unless the wording is provided for visually in front of the members on their monitors;
- 24.4 **Indication of Vote** A member shall vote by raising a hand or otherwise indicating the member's vote, except where a recorded vote is requested;
- 24.5 **Conduct During a Vote** When the Chair calls for the vote on a question:
- 24.5.1 Each member shall occupy his/her seat and shall remain in place until the result of the vote has been declared by the Chair, and
- 24.5.2 During this time no member shall walk across the room or make any other noise or disturbance;
- 24.6 **Separate the Vote** Upon the request of any member, and when the Chair is satisfied that a matter under consideration contains distinct proposals, the vote upon each proposal shall be taken separately;
- 24.7 **Majority Vote Required** All decisions of Council shall require a majority vote except as otherwise set out in this by-law;
- 24.8 **Tie Votes** Any motion that receives a tie vote shall be deemed to have been decided in the negative;
- 24.9 **Decisions requiring Two-Thirds Vote** The following decisions of Council require a two thirds vote:
- 24.9.1 A motion to consider a report or by-law that does not relate to a matter listed on the agenda – amending the agenda;

- 24.9.2 A motion to consider a matter previously tabled or deferred to a time of eventuality that has not been reached or occurred;
- 24.9.3 A motion to revisit any question passed within the previous 12 months;
- 24.10 **Recorded Votes** A request by a member present at the meeting for a recorded vote shall be made prior to, or immediately after, the vote and must be requested prior to any consideration of another matter. When a recorded vote is requested by a member, the Clerk or Committee Secretary, as applicable, shall record the name and vote of every member on any resolution. When a recorded vote is recorded at Council or Committee meetings, names shall be called in alphabetical order;
- 24.11 **Announcing the Results** The Chair shall announce the result of the vote, with the exception of the recorded vote where the Clerk will announce the result.

25.0 BY-LAWS

- 25.1 **Introduced by Motion** Every by-law shall be introduced by motion, specifying the title thereof;
- 25.2 **Three Readings** Every by-law shall have three readings prior to being passed. By-laws shall be taken as read for the first, second and third readings. A by-law may be passed through all its stages and be finally passed at one meeting with a majority of members present;
- 25.3 **Confirmatory By-law** The proceedings of every meeting of Council shall be confirmed by by-law so that every decision of Council and every resolution thereof shall have the same force and effect as if each and every one of them had been the subject matter of a separate by-law duly enacted;
- 25.4 **Amendments to By-laws** All amendments to any by-laws approved by Council shall be deemed to be incorporated into the by-law and if the by-law is enacted by Council, the amendments shall be recorded by the Clerk;
- 25.5 **Duty to Sign** Every By-law once passed shall be dated and duly signed by the Mayor and the Clerk or the deputies.

26.0 COMMITTEES

- 26.1 **Composition** Council shall determine the appropriate number of committees, their membership, mandates and reporting practices;
- 26.2 **Other Appointments** Appointments and nominees to other bodies shall be recommended by Council;
- 26.3 **Task Forces, Working Groups and Special Committees** Council may, from time to time, appoint task forces, working groups or special committees which will report directly to Council. The establishment of such committees should include a specific mandate, terms of reference, and term of appointment. Special committees, task forces and working groups shall report to Council with a recommendation with regard to their continuation, assumption of responsibilities by Council, or abolishment;
- 26.4 **Duty of the Chair** A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be appointed by the members at the first regular scheduled meeting. Each Chair and/or Vice Chair shall preside at every meeting of their committee, may vote on every question submitted for consideration and may require that resolutions be in writing;
- 26.5 **Ex-Officio Membership** The Mayor shall be an ex-officio member of all West Grey committees, sub committees and working groups. He/she shall not be included to make up quorum, shall have the right to take part in discussion, but shall not have the right to vote;
- 26.6 **Notice to Members** Notice of meetings including agendas, minutes and supporting documentation to the members shall be via electronic mail. Notice may also be provided by telephone or personal contact in case of an emergency or if the member does not have electronic mail. In the event of a meeting cancellation, staff will notify the members by email or by telephone as soon as possible;
- 26.7 **Notice to the Public** Notice of meetings shall be given as per section 5.8. Notice of meetings shall be posted as soon as practical after being established by committees. Agendas shall be posted a minimum of two days prior to the meeting. In the case of emergency meetings, notice of the agenda shall

be posted as soon as practical. In the event of a meeting cancellation, staff or the Committee Secretary, as applicable, will post notice of the meeting cancellation on West Grey's website and email group. If the cancellation occurs at the last minute or after regular business hours and staff or the Committee Secretary, as applicable, is unable to post the cancellation as noted, notice shall be posted as soon as it is practical to do so;

- 26.8 **Role of Committees** The role of committees shall generally be to:
- 26.8.1 Make recommendations to Council on matters which are in their jurisdiction;
 - 26.8.2 Guide and request staff to provide reports on the direction and nature of policy development, fact finding, analysis and generation of public policy matters;
- 26.9 **Action on Committee Recommendations** No action shall be taken on committee recommendations until they are subsequently approved by resolution at Council;
- 26.10 **Governing Rules of Procedure** The rules governing the procedure of the Council and the conduct of members at Council shall be observed by committees as far as they are applicable, with specific exceptions of the rules for Committee of the Whole and committees set out in this section including:
- 26.10.1 The number of times of speaking on any question shall not be limited;
 - 26.10.2 A majority vote shall be required to decide any matter before the committee;
 - 26.10.3 Recorded votes shall be called to vote by name in alphabetic order;
- 26.11 **Council Attendance at Committee Meetings** Members of Council who are not members of a specific committee may attend meetings of that committee as members of the public and may, with consent of the Chair of that committee, take part in the discussion, but shall not be counted in quorum, shall not be entitled to make motions or vote and shall not be reimbursed for attendance at those meetings;

26.12 **Absence of Chair** In the event of the Chair of a committee not attending the committee at which he/she is to preside within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the committee Vice-Chair shall call the meeting to order and preside until the arrival of the committee Chair

Should the committee Vice-Chair not be in attendance at the meeting, the recording secretary shall call the meeting to order and ask those members in attendance to appoint one of the members to act in the place of the committee Chair for that meeting. Such member shall then preside until the arrival of the committee Chair or the committee Vice-Chair. The meeting must have a quorum to commence;

26.13 **Absence of Committee Member** Should any Member of a Committee fail to attend three successive Regular or Special Meetings without being authorized to do so by a resolution of the Committee, the Committee may certify such failure and provide notice to Council. Thereupon the membership of such person on the Committee shall be terminated by Council and Council may appoint another Member in their place

26.14 **Preparation of Agenda** The appropriate West Grey staff person, Committee Secretary or Chair shall prepare committee agendas for distribution;

26.15 **Amendment of a Committee Agenda** Any matter, which is within the committee's mandate and which is not on the committee agenda, or does not relate to a matter on the current agenda, may be considered by the committee if it agrees to consider it by a majority vote;

26.16 **Committee Delegations** Any person desiring to present information to a committee may do so subject to the following:

26.16.1 Requests shall be in writing and the information to be presented shall be on matters of fact or to make a request of the committee;

26.16.2 Requests shall be made not less than five days preceding the committee meeting at which such person desires to be heard;

- 26.16.3 Exceptions to the five (5) business days' notice requirement required in (b) above may be approved by the committee Chair;
- 26.16.4 Any person who is scheduled to appear as a delegation before a committee is requested to submit written documentation for the committee's consideration to the appropriate West Grey staff person or Committee Secretary not less than five (5) business days preceding the committee meeting;
- 26.16.5 Rules relating to time limits, behaviour, curtailment of time and conduct shall be as set out in Section 18;
- 26.17 **Closed Session** No meeting of a committee shall be held in closed session except in accordance with Section 6;
- 26.18 **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** Members of committees shall adhere to Section 17 with respect to declarations of pecuniary interest in committees;
- 26.19 **Quorum** A quorum shall consist of more than 50% of the membership of the committee. Where the number of members, who by reason of the provisions of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, are prohibited from participating in a meeting is such that, at that meeting, the remaining members are not of sufficient number to constitute a quorum, then the remaining number of members shall be deemed to constitute a quorum;
- 26.20 **Chair Right to Expel** The Chair has the right to expel or exclude any person from any meeting for improper conduct;
- 26.21 **Committee Minutes** Committee minutes shall be directed as follows:
- 26.21.1 Approved Committee minutes shall be forwarded directly to Council for its information within ten (10) business days;
- 26.21.2 Special committee, task force and working group minutes shall be forwarded to either a Standing Committee or Council in accordance with the direction of Council;
- 26.21.3 All minutes are to be prepared and forwarded to the members within ten (10) business days.

27.0 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT SPECIFIC

- 27.1 **Application** The procedures contained in this section shall be observed in all proceedings of the Committee of Adjustment and shall be incorporated into the procedures for the order and dispatch of meetings conducted by the Committee. All other matters not governed by the provisions of this section shall be governed by the provisions of the other sections of this by-law. In the event of a conflict between this section and the Planning Act, the Planning Act shall prevail;
- 27.2 **Schedule of Meetings** The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a schedule of meetings on an annual basis.
- 27.3 **Insufficient Items** Where it is determined by the Secretary-Treasurer that there are insufficient agenda items for a meeting, the Secretary Treasurer shall cancel the meeting and notify the members and public as soon as practical
- 27.4 **Notice** For those consent items that are under the jurisdiction of the Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer shall issue notice of the consent applications to be considered at the meeting and the applicant shall post notice of their application on the subject property in accordance with the requirements of Planning Act and regulations thereunder. Members shall be provided with the meeting agenda by the Friday preceding the meeting that is scheduled for the following Monday;
- 27.5 **Committee Composition** The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members appointed by Council. The members of Council may be appointed as the members of the Committee. The members shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually;
- 27.6 **Quorum** If no Quorum is present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting of the Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer shall record the names of the members present and the meeting will stand adjourned until the next appointed time. The inability of a member to act due to a declared conflict does not impair the powers of the Committee or of the remaining members;
- 27.7 **Procedure for Hearing** The following procedure shall be followed for the hearing portion of the meeting:

- 27.7.1 The Chair shall ask for confirmation that notice provisions were met;
- 27.7.2 The Chair shall ask for a presentation of the planning report, review of comments received, and review of the proposed conditions to be attached to the decision should the Committee approve the application;
- 27.7.3 The Chair shall ask the applicant or their representative to introduce themselves and present any further information. The applicant or their representative shall be provided with a maximum of 10 minutes to present their application;
- 27.7.4 The Chair shall ask if any members have questions of the applicant or the representative;
- 27.7.5 The Chair shall invite anyone else having an interest in the application to come forward, identify themselves and express their interest. Submissions from the public shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes each and shall be confined to the subject application. Any submission beyond the 3 minutes requires a majority vote of the members. The applicant or their representative shall have the opportunity to respond after all submissions are received and shall be allocated no more than 5 additional minutes;
- 27.7.6 The Chair shall provide Committee members with a final opportunity to ask any additional questions relevant to the application before them;
- 27.7.7 The Chair shall ask the members for a motion with respect to the disposition of the motion, shall permit discussion on the motion, shall call for the vote, shall announce the decision of the Committee, and may summarize any decision orally if requested;
- 27.8 **Site Visits** Following the application by the owner or representative of the owner, but prior to the meeting where the application will be considered by the Committee, the members may conduct individual site visits. During site visits, members shall not discuss with the applicant, or other interested individuals, any of the merits of the application or any issue or

matter in connection with the application to be decided by the Committee.

- 27.9 **Decision** No decision of the Committee on an application is valid unless it is concurred by the majority of the members that heard the application, and the decision of the Committee shall be in writing and shall set out the reasons for the decision and shall be signed by the members who concur in the decision. A copy of the Committee's written decision will be prepared and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. A copy of the Committee's written decision shall be sent to each person who submitted a written request to receive a copy of the written decision with respect to the application, pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act;
- 27.10 **Request for Deferral** A request for deferral of a matter on the scheduled meeting date by the applicant or authorized agent must be for reasonable cause and must be made at the meeting. If granted, the Committee after consultation with the Secretary-Treasurer will set a new meeting date for the application to be heard. No further notice of the meeting date shall be required as per the [Planning Act](#);
- 27.11 **Request for Withdrawal** The Applicant or their Representative/Agent may request that an application be withdrawn. Such requests may be made to the Secretary-Treasurer in advance of the meeting date or at the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will record that the application was withdrawn from the Committee's agenda and the Committee will take no action on the matter at the meeting;

28.0 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- 28.1 **Public Notice** No amendment or repeal of this by-law shall be considered unless notice is given as required pursuant to West Grey By-law Number 3-2003, as amended, being West Grey's policy to establish standards for the giving of reasonable notice, unless directed under amendments to the Municipal Act, as amended.

29.0 CONFLICT

- 29.1 **Severability** If a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this By-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this By-law will be considered severed from the remainder of this By-law, which shall continue to be in full force and effect;
- 29.2 **By-law Versus Statute** If there is any conflict between this by-law and any statute, the provisions of the statute prevail.

30.0 PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW

- 30.1 **Guiding Principles** The principles of openness, transparency and accountability to the public guide West Grey’s decision-making process. In the context of Council and other Committee proceedings, this is accomplished by:
 - 30.1.1 Ensuring the decision-making process is understood by the public and other stakeholders;
 - 30.1.2 Providing access to information and opportunities for input by the public and other stakeholders consistent with the requirements of this By-law and other statutory requirements;
 - 30.1.3 Exercising and respecting individual and collective roles and responsibilities provided for in this Procedure By-law and other statutory requirements;
 - 30.1.4 The protection of basic rights by recognizing the right of the majority to decide, the minority to be heard and individuals to have the opportunity to participate;
 - 30.1.5 The principles of parliamentary law governing Council and Committee Meetings include:
 - 30.1.5.1 The majority of Members have the right to decide;
 - 30.1.5.2 The minority of Members have the right to be heard;
 - 30.1.5.3 All Members have the right to information to help make decisions, unless otherwise prevented by law;
 - 30.1.5.4 All Members have a right to an efficient Meeting;

- 30.1.5.5 All Members have the right to be treated with respect and courtesy; and
- 30.1.5.6 All Members have equal rights, privileges and obligations;

30.2 **Interpreting the Procedure By-law**

- 30.2.1 In the event of conflict between this Procedure By-law and legislation, the provisions of the legislation prevail;
- 30.2.2 A specific statement or rule in this Procedure By-law has greater authority than a general one; and
- 30.2.3 If there is a conflict between two or more rules in this Procedure By-law, or if there is no specific rule on a matter, the Chair will rule. In making a ruling, the Chair may consult the Clerk, rely on previous rulings and practices, or refer to Robert's Rules of Order.

31.0 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

31.1 **Open Government** West Grey Council is responsible to provide good government for its stakeholders in an accountable and transparent manner by:

- 31.1.1 Encouraging public access and participation to ensure that decision making is responsive to the needs of its constituents and receptive to their opinions;
 - 31.1.2 Delivering high quality services to its citizens; and
 - 31.1.3 Promoting the efficient use of public resources;
- Accountability, transparency and openness are standards of good government that enhance public trust. They are achieved through the Municipality of West Grey adopting measures ensuring, to the best of its ability, that all activities and services are undertaken using processes that are open and accessible to stakeholders. Wherever possible, the Municipality of West Grey will engage stakeholders throughout the decision-making process which will be open, visible and transparent to the public. The principles of accountability and transparency apply equally to the West Grey's political process and decision-making and to its administrative management;

31.2 **Internal Governance** The Municipality of West Grey's administrative practices and policies ensure specific accountability on the part of its employees through initiatives that include:

- 31.2.1 Council Code of Conduct;
- 31.2.2 Staff Code of Conduct;
- 31.2.3 Individual performance management;
- 31.2.4 Employment policies;
- 31.2.5 Health and safety policies and programs;

31.3 **Public Participation and Information Sharing** The Municipality of West Grey ensures that it is open and accountable to its stakeholders and encourages public awareness of, and participation in, its activities and decision-making processes by providing appropriate notice of when and where meetings of Council and committees take place. These meetings will be open to the public except in the limited situations specifically authorized by the Act. The Municipality provides transparency in the conduct of its business as outlined in this Procedure By-law. The Municipality of West Grey ensures that participation by the public can be meaningful and effective, through timely disclosure of information by various means including, but not limited to social media, the West Grey website, and print media. The Municipality of West Grey has adopted:

- 31.3.1 A code of conduct for members of council;
- 31.3.2 An accountability and transparency policy;
- 31.3.3 A records retention policy

32.0 ENACTMENT

Repealed By-law No. 86-2009 is hereby repealed.

Force & Effect This by-law shall come into force on the date of passing.

Read a first, second, and third time this 19th day of February, 2018.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor (Signed)

Mark Turner, Clerk (Signed)

Schedule A – Council Agenda Composition – Quick Reference

Call to Order: The Mayor or Chair calls the meeting to Order.

Moment of Reflection: A moment of silence.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: Members shall file a written statement of any pecuniary interest and the general nature with the Clerk at the meeting, or as soon as possible afterwards.

Closed Session: A meeting, or part of a meeting, which is closed to the public as permitted by the Municipal Act, also referred to as an "in-camera meeting."

Matters Arising from Closed Session: Council will consider any resolutions or by-laws that arise from the closed session, or provide a summary of any discussion held in closed session following the closed session discussion of Council.

Public Meeting: a meeting called to fulfill a statutory requirement of an Act, or a meeting called by Council or staff, to inform the public and seek public input.

Consent Agenda: Includes items to be received for information, items of a non-controversial nature in the opinion of the Clerk that are brought forward for approval by resolution, or Committee of the Whole resolutions passed unanimously. Includes adoption and receiving of minutes and routine department reports.

Communications from the Mayor and Council: Incidental items brought forward by the Mayor and/or Council, including reports on attendance at conferences and seminars, and upcoming activities and events.

Delegation: When a person requests to speak to Council to share information.

Presentation: When Council or Staff requests someone to attend and present information to Council, or when a consultant presents a report or findings to Council.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting: Unfinished business from the previous meeting.

Staff Reports: The Department Heads are each provided a section to present their staff reports. Department Heads present their reports to Council with their staff recommendations on how they wish to proceed. They may offer alternatives to their recommendations or they may not. When the staff recommendation is presented via the staff report, Council may move the recommendation as presented in the report or may move an alternate recommendation as they so desire.

By-laws: Any By-laws requiring to be passed are placed here, including a "Confirming By-law" passed at all Council meetings to confirm all of the actions of Council during the meeting as intended.

New Business: An item not on an agenda that is brought forward for consideration by Council.

Addendum: An item of an urgent nature not on an agenda that is brought forward for consideration by Council.

Notice of Motion/Direct Motion: "Notice of Motion" introduced in writing by a Council member to be placed on the next regular Council Meeting. "Direct Motion" introduced for consideration by Council during the Council meeting due to being an urgent or time sensitive manner, that requires 2/3 majority vote of Council to introduce.

Closed Session/Matters Arising from Closed Session (incomplete items): Closed session matters dealt with if left unfinished from an earlier closed session during the same Council meeting. "Matter arising from closed session" provides general disclosure or vote from closed session (incomplete items) once dealt with.

Question Period: Opportunity for public to ask questions regarding an item on the Council Agenda.

Municipal Act – Notices: Notice given in accordance with statutory or West Grey by-law requirements.

Adjournment: End of the Council meeting.

Schedule B – Specific Motions - Quick Reference

To:	You Say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Adjourn (close the meeting)	"I move that we adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess (short intermission may also be done by general consent)	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Complain about noise, room temp., etc.	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides
Suspend further consideration of something (can be brought back through Notice of motion)	"I move that we table it"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
End debate	"I call the question"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Postpone consideration (defer) –requires time and explanation	"I move we postpone/defer this matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to another body or Committee	"I move we refer this to item to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move that this motion be amended by..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Introduce business (a primary motion)	"I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

The motions, points and proposals are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that is below it, but you may introduce one that is above it.

Schedule B – Subsidiary Motions - Quick Reference

To:	You say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Object to procedure or personal affront	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides
Request information	"Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	None
Ask for vote by actual count to verify voice vote	"I call for a recorded vote"	Must be done before new motion	No	No	No	None unless someone objects
Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter	"I object to consideration of this question"	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take up matter previously Tabled	"I move we take from the table..."	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider something already disposed of at same meeting	"I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to..."	Yes	Yes	Only if original motion was debatable	No	2/3
Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted	I move we amend (rescind) the motion passed at the June 12, 2016 meeting...	No	Yes	Yes	Rescind No Amend Yes	2/3
Act of Renewing a motion (bringing back a motion within 12 mths)	I am renewing the following motion that was lost at the June 12, 2016 Council meeting for the following reason	No – Must be done through NOM	Yes	Yes	No	2/3 to pass the motion that was renewed
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move we suspend the rules and consider..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Vote on a ruling by the Chair	"I appeal the Chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority

The motions, points and proposals listed above have no established order of preference; any of them may be introduced at any time except when meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed from the first chart (Motion to Adjourn, Recess or Point of Privilege).