

REPORT

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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From: Lisa Leblanc,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
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Item #: 2024-232

Subject: Council Code of Conduct Amendment Bylaw No. 8457, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider Bylaw No. 8457, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 8408, 2023 for First, Second and Third Readings.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to propose an amendment to the Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 8408, 2023 to change the vote requirement for the appointment of an Ethics Commissioner.

BACKGROUND

The Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 8408, 2023 was adopted by Council November 27, 2023. Section 37 of the Bylaw provides that the appointment of an Ethics Commissioner requires a 2/3 majority vote of Council.

It was recently agreed to change this vote requirement to a majority vote of Council.

ANALYSIS

The bylaw that is before Council proposes to change the vote requirement for the appointment of an Ethics Commissioner to a simple majority of a quorum of Council Members.

Bylaw 8457, 2024 that is before Council for consideration will make that change.

The Code of Conduct Bylaw will continue to require a 2/3 vote of all Council Members for the suspension or termination of the Ethics Commissioner.

OPTIONS

There are two options for Council's consideration, they are:

1. That Council consider Bylaw No. 8457, 2024 being a bylaw to amend the Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 8408, 2023 for First, Second and Third Readings.
2. That Council provide alternate direction to staff.

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Code of Conduct for Council Members Amendment Bylaw No. 8457, 2024

APPROVALS

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