



**Council Member Motion
For the Meeting of November 7, 2019**

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** November 5, 2019
From: Councillor J. Loveday and Councillor S. Potts
Subject: Request to Address Council Policy Waiver – OCP Amendment for Food Bearing, Pollinator, and Native Plant Landscape Design Guidelines

Background

At the October 24, 2019 Council meeting, Council approved a motion to postpone consideration of the introduction of the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No, 19-079 to November 14, 2019, to enable comments from a member of the public unable to attend council meetings.

The Request to Address Council Policy specifically precludes request to address speakers to address Council on a Land Use Bylaw that has been advanced to this bylaw preparation stage and then on to a public hearing. The reason behind this policy position is to ensure that public access to all submissions is consistently managed and that this access is a foundational piece to ensure a proper public hearing process.

Under the Policy, the only time that an address can occur is before Council considers the COTW recommendation directing staff to prepare the Bylaw and schedule the hearing. It would require a motion of Council to waive the policy to enable this to occur and is only being brought forward for consideration on a one-time basis, as it is important to maintain the integrity of the City's processes as a standard practice.

In addition, a 2020 Strategic Plan item is receiving video submissions at public hearings. This could serve as an opportunity to have a trial run on that process during a council meeting, again on a one-time basis given that there would be a need for policy around how such submissions would be accommodated on an on-going basis. Another alternative is to have a staff member read the submission aloud during the Request to Address Council section.

Motion:

That Council:

1. Waive the Request to Address Council Policy to permit a presentation to be made prior to the consideration of the OCP Amendment Bylaw for Food-Bearing, Pollinator and Native Plant Landscape Design Guidelines, at the November 14, 2019 Council meeting.
2. That Council approve the submission to be made by video presentation or by being read by City Staff in this instance without the presenter being in attendance.

3. That upon receipt of the submission, staff be directed to include it as part of the official record for the public hearing.
4. That this motion be forwarded to the daytime Council meeting of November 7, 2019 for final consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor J. Loveday



Councillor S. Potts