

## Council Bylaw - Abbreviated Rules for Motions

LANGUAGE		INTERRUPT SPEAKER?	SECOND NEEDED?	MOTION DEBATABLE?	MOTION AMENDABLE?	VOTE NEEDED?	COUNCIL BYLAW
<b>MAIN MOTIONS</b> are the tools used to introduce new business.							
Introduce business	I move that	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(2),(3)
Take up a matter previously tabled	I move we take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(4)(a) Robert's Rules Part 1, Section 19
Reconsider a matter already disposed of	I move we reconsider our action relative to	No	Yes	Yes, if motion was debatable	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 30*
Strike out a motion previously passed	I move we rescind the motion calling for	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, majority rules	Section 30(2)**
Consider a matter out of its scheduled order	I move we suspend the rules and consider	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 22(2)
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</b> provide various ways of modifying or disposing of main motions. They must be acted upon before all other motions except privileged motions.							
Suspend debate on a matter without calling for a vote	I move we table the matter	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(4)
End debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 28
Limit length of debate	Council bylaw prescribes time and process limits on debate	15 minutes total per Council member	May only speak once without leave	Mover may reply to the debate	Reply to debate limited in some cases	Yes, to speak more than once or > 15 minutes	Section 25(9)
Postpone consideration of a matter to a specific time	I move we postpone the matter until	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(4)(c)
Have a matter studied further	I move we refer this matter to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(4)(d) Section 27
Consider a matter informally (Committee of the Whole)	I move the question be considered informally	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, majority rules	Robert's Rules Part 1, Section 33
Amend a motion	I move that this motion be amended by	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, once only	Yes, majority rules	Section 29
Reject a main motion without voting on the motion itself	I move the question be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 26(4)(f)
<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</b> grow out of other business that the group is considering. They must be decided before the group can return to the question that brought them up.							
Correct an error in parliamentary procedure	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	No, Chair rules	Section 24(1),(2),(3)
Object to a ruling by the chair	I appeal the chair's decision.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, but Chair does not vote. Tie vote or majority rules	Section 24(4),(5),(6)
Consider a matter that violates normal procedure, but does not violate the Council Bylaw	I move we suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, 2/3 majority rules	Robert's Rules Part 1, Section 18
Object to considering some matter	I object to the consideration of this matter	Yes	No	No	No	Yes, 2/3 majority rules	Robert's Rules Part 1, Section 15
Obtain advice on proper procedure	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	No, Chair rules	Section 24(1),(2),(3)

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Request information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	No	Section 33
Withdraw a motion	I request leave to withdraw the motion	No	No	No	No	Yes, but only when a member objects to the withdrawal majority rules	Robert's Rules Part 1, Section 17
<b><u>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</u> are not related to a pending motion, but take precedence over all other motions. They must be disposed of before the group can consider any other motion.</b>							
Adjourn the meeting	I move that we adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Yes, majority rules	Section 31(1)(b) Section 36(1),(2)
Recess the meeting	I move we recess until	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, majority rules	Section 31(1)(c)
To consider a question respecting the rights and privileges of Council or any of its members	I have a question of privilege, namely....	Yes	No	No	No	The Chair must rule as to whether it is a Question of Privilege, and act to resolve the issue if it is. Two members may appeal the ruling of the Chair, at which point a vote is taken on the Chair's ruling.	Section 24(4)***

\* A motion to reconsider is qualified, and is time limited as follows:

- A Councillor may propose a motion to reconsider at the next Council meeting only.
- The Mayor may require Council to reconsider a matter within 30 days of the adoption of a bylaw or motion.

\*\*A motion to rescind must be moved by a Council member who voted in favour of the motion when it was passed.

\*\*\* A question of privilege could be, for example, it is too noisy in the gallery.