THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. 41/2025

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 in order to ensure implement Recommendation 6 of Item 2 of the Report of the Governance Committee of Council dated March 11, 2025.

WHEREAS on March 27, 2025, Council adopted Item No. 2 of the Report of Governance Committee of Council dated March 11, 2025 (the "City of Winnipeg Governance Review"), with an amendment.

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Governance Review contained the following recommendations:

6. *That the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be amended:*

   A. to formalize the process for the granting of leaves of absence for Members of Council at Council and Committee meetings, to include the following reasons:

      i. Personal matter;

      ii. City Business

   B. i. to require that when Members of Council arrive at Council and Committee meetings after the start of the meeting, the time in which they entered the meeting be recorded in the minutes.

      ii. to require Members of Council to advise Council or Committee if they will be leaving a meeting prior to adjournment, and the time in which they leave be recorded in the minutes.

   C. to set a total speaking time limit for delegations and public hearing representations at Council and Committee meetings to five (5) minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items addressed, plus extensions of time as may be granted, up to a maximum of a total of five (5) additional minutes.

9. *That the City Solicitor and Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare amendments to the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 and the City Organizational By-law 7100/91, in accordance with Recommendations 6 and 7, and submit same directly to Council for enactment.*

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

Procedure By-law Amended

1 The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 is amended by this By-law.

Section 9(19) amended
2 Section 9(19) is repealed and replaced with the following:

Members Arriving Late or Departing Early

9(19) (a) *No member shall leave a meeting of Council before it is over unless permission to do so is received from the Presiding Officer.*

9(19)(b) *When a Member of Council enters a Council meeting or Committee of Council meeting after said meeting has started, the Clerk shall enter that Member of Council's time of arrival into the minutes.*

9(19)(c) *When a Member of Council intends to leave a Council meeting or Committee of Council prior to adjournment,*

(i) *that Member of Council shall advise Council or the relevant Committee of Council of their intention to leave, and*

(ii) *the Clerk shall enter that Member of Council's time of departure into the minutes.*

Subsection 18.1 added

3 The following is added immediately after subsection 18(2):

Leave of Absence

18.1 *No motion to authorize the absence of a member from a meeting of Council, or a meeting of a Committee of Council shall be passed unless that absence is being requested for one of the following reasons:*

(a) a personal matter; or

(b) City business.

Subsection 51(1.2) added
4 The following is added immediately after subsection 51(1.1):

51(1.2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, delegations at Council and Committee of Council meetings shall be limited to a total speaking time limit of five (5) minutes, plus such extensions of time as may be granted up to a maximum of five (5) additional minutes on a majority vote of the members present.

Clause 51(5) amended
5 Section 51(5) is amended by deleting *", in each case the first of whom may speak for not more than ten minutes and the second no more than five minutes, provided that Council may permit any delegate, or his representative to speak for a further two minutes on a majority vote*

of the members present"

Clause 51(10)(a) amended

6 Clause 51(10)(a) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

(a) establish reasonable time limits for questions, or objections.

Subsection 51(11.1) added

7 The following is added immediately after subsection 51(11):

51(11.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, public hearing representations at Council and Committee of Council meetings shall be limited to a total speaking time limit of five (5) minutes, plus such extensions of time as may be granted up to a maximum of five (5) additional minutes on a majority vote of the members present.

Subsection 51(4) renumbered

8 (a) Subsection 51(4) is hereby deleted.

(b) The following is added immediately after subsection 51(1.2):

51(1.3) Every person being heard before Council or any committee thereof may be heard in person or through another person acting on their behalf.

Subsections 51(12) and 51(13) renumbered

9 (a) Subsections 51(12) and 51(13) are hereby deleted.

(a) The following is added immediately after subsection 51(9):

51(9.1) Delegations appearing before Council with regard to a recommendation for an award of contract shall only address Council on the basis of the criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender and not on any other issue.

51(9.2) Any questions by members of Council of delegations appearing under Rule 51(9.1) shall be directed to the criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender and not on any other issue.

Coming into force
10 This by-law will come into force upon being given three readings by Council.

DONE AND PASSED this 2nd day of May, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to content:

City Clerk

Legally reviewed and certified as to form:

for Director of Legal Services
and City Solicitor