

Motion

Agenda Number: 22.2
Date: May 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Parrish
Seconded by Councillor

Whereas in accordance with section 5.6.2 of Procedure By-law 56-2019, as amended, in the event of a public health emergency, enhanced response and/or communicable disease outbreak, particularly where Regional resources are required as part of the response, and with the consent of the Regional Chair, the Medical Officer of Health is authorized to brief Council or the relevant committee, without requiring suspension of the Rules of Procedure;

And whereas, the COVID-19 briefings by the Medical Officer of Health and his/her team more closely resemble staff presentations than delegations, under which the rules for conduct and debate would apply;

And whereas, the Procedure By-law rules for conduct and debate provide that:

- no member shall speak more than twice without permission of the Presiding Officer
- no member shall speak longer than five minutes on each occasion that the member is recognized, without permission of the Presiding Officer
- a member may ask a question of the Presiding Officer for the purpose of clarification, and in seeking the clarification, the member is not to debate the matter to which the question refers;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair apply the procedural rules for conduct and debate when the Medical Officer of Health and his/her team appear before Council, during the ongoing public health emergency.

Regional Chair