

Regular Council Meeting – September 2, 2025

**Agenda Item # 13.1**

Proposed Motion: Mayor Arie Hoogenboom – Council Restructuring and Public Consultation Initiative

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Moved By: Mayor Hoogenboom

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS in the interest of exploring governance models that may better serve the community's needs, I intend to move forward with an initiative to restructure council following the next municipal election.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council approves the undertaking of public consultations—one per ward—to gather input on structural options for future council composition, as alternatives to the current model.

The proposed options for consultation include:

1. A council consisting of 5 to 7 members, all elected at large.
2. A council consisting of 5 members, one elected from each ward, with a mayor elected at large.
3. A council consisting of 6 members, one elected from each ward, plus a mayor and deputy mayor elected at large.

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to coordinate and promote ward-level public consultations and prepare a summary report of public feedback, as well as the average annual cost of a Council member, for Council's consideration ahead of any final decision or legislative change.