

Procedure Bylaw Review

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To : Council

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Is it the Procedures Bylaw or the Council?

- 37-2014 04-2020 (1)
- 64-2016 13-2020 (2)
 - 21-2020 (3)
 - 68-2020 (4)
 - 89-2020 (5)
 - 90-2020 (6)
 - 31-2021 (7)
 - 72-2021 (8)
 - 86-2022 (9)

Sequencing

- Before reviewing Bylaw Learn how to use it.
- This is an item in the purple highlights Section 5 Chair
- There should be a Workshop to Train Council on The Procedure Bylaw and Robert's Rules before the bylaw review goes any further.

How to Keep a Meeting on Track

- Robert's Rules is the Gold Standard
- Key Point of Privilege not mentioned in our Procedure Bylaw
- Motion to Recess
- Example: The time is 11:55, I move we recess for lunch and reconvene at 1:00.

Robert's Rules is a Brick

- Clerk should have a copy at the meeting and be familiar with it.
- Cheat sheets are available as well as “readers digest” versions
- I like Robert's Rules for Dummies
- Council would probably prefer Robert's Rules in Plain English by Doris P. Zimmerman
- Chair should refer questions to Clerk when they are unclear
- Clerk/Members should raise a point of order when Chair is in error.

Workshop not a Standing Committee

- Despite what Item 8.1 says the 5th Standing Committee is the Committee of the Whole.
- Committee of the Whole is the place for deciding actions not covered in the other 4 Standing Committees
- Workshops are for learning and discussing, not taking action.

Community Engagement

- Workshops prevent Community Engagement by not permitting delegation
- Procedure Bylaw is too important to restrict the citizens ability to engage.
- You need an Engagement Plan for your Procedure Bylaw review.
- It needs to include Consultation with the Citizens of Burlington
- To important to leave to the “experts” but you need an expert to go through and clean up the contradictions and ommissions that already exist.

Engaged Citizens

- When your called for jury duty and your name is drawn by lot
 - When you vote in an election or freely voice your thought
 - Don't take these rights for granted for dearly they were bought
 - Remember Thomas Muir of Huntershill.
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- Thomas Muir of Huntershill by Dick Gaughan.
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- Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty. - various philosophers.