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Dear Mayor and Council,

In regards to requests from Councillors for redlined versions of by-laws showing any proposed amendments, our lawyers have provided the following response:

We are happy to begin providing these whenever an existing by-law is being substantively amended and a redlined version may be helpful to Council. We propose that the redlined version of the relevant sections of the by-law be attached to the Council report as an Appendix, with the following note to ensure that it is clear that the formal amending by-law is the legal document that is to be relied upon:

"This document is being provided for information only as a reference tool to highlight the proposed amendments. The draft amending by-laws attached to the Council report RTS No. **[insert report number]** entitled **[insert title of report]** represent the amendments being proposed to Council for approval. Should there be any discrepancy between this redline version and the draft amending by-laws, the draft amending by-laws prevail."

We note that some bylaws, like CD-1 rezonings, are entirely new by-laws and therefore do not amend an existing by-law, so a redlined version cannot be produced. The same policy will apply to other new by-laws.

Similarly, when a CD-1 by-law is added to the Noise Control By-law, the Sign By-law, or the Parking By-law, they are merely being added to a list of other CD-1 by-laws so a red-lined version of that list will not be of any assistance to Council.

We have noted Councillor Hardwick's June 11 email that indicates she would like to have redlined versions of all by-law changes, no matter how small, and we are considering the resources that would be required for that, but we trust that this initial step, providing redlines for substantial amendments, will be of assistance to Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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