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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

As you know on September 21, 2021, Council approved in principle changes to the Procedure By-law to enable electronic participation at Council, special Council and standing committee meetings. The Procedure By-law must now be enacted at a regularly-scheduled Council meeting in accordance with the *Vancouver Charter*. This meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 9:30 am. If approved, the Procedure By-law would be effective immediately. However, due to our obligations to provide advance notice of meeting agendas, we will not be in position to operate under the revised By-law until the October 19 Council meeting.

Given the above point, the October 5/6 meetings will occur during a transition period between the end of the electronic meeting authorization set out Ministerial Order M192 (which expires September 28) and the new Procedure By-law (to be considered on October 5 and take effect as outlined above). During this transition period, Council does not have the legislative authority to convene the Council or standing committee meetings scheduled on October 5 and 6 by electronic means. This gap in legislated authority has been confirmed by Ministry staff. Accordingly, the Council meeting referenced above (October 5, 9:30am) must be conducted in person.

In considering this extraordinary situation, we are aiming to facilitate a smooth transition for Council and the public to bridge the gap in legislative authority. Of note, Council currently has the authority to convene a special Council meeting electronically and that authority will remain in place during this transition period.

Accordingly, we have recommended that the Mayor call a Special Council meeting to be conducted by electronic means for October 5, in accordance with 14.5 of the Procedure By-law. This meeting will occur starting at 11:00 am, following the Council meeting. This will provide Council and the public the option to participate in person or by electronic means for most of next week's agenda.

The schedule for next week would be as follows:

October 5 – Council meeting, 9:30 am, in person Council Chamber, no speakers:

- In camera meeting consideration
- Adoption of minutes
- Communications from the City Clerk to cancel the October 6 Standing Committee meeting and make minor adjustment to schedule
- 6 bylaws, including the Procedure Bylaw
- Notice of Council Member's Motions
- New Business
- Enquiries and Other Matters

October 5 – Special Council meeting, 11:00 am, participation by electronic means or in person at Council Chamber, speakers permitted to reports that normally have speakers:

- Staff reports that would otherwise have been scheduled for October 5 and 6
- Members motions (where notice was provided and motions were received in accordance with the Procedure By-law)
- Back-up meeting date October 6, 9:30 am

October 5 – Special In camera meeting, 1 pm, participation by electronic means:

- Staff reports previously scheduled for October 5

While it is more complicated than we would have preferred, I hope the above approach makes sense. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to Katrina Leckovic.

Many thanks,
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