



## Notice of Motion

Subject: Request to Reinstate Canadian Anthem at Council and Committee Meetings  
Member of Council: Councillor M. Russo  
Meeting Motion Considered At: July 9, 2024 General Committee

---

### PROCEDURAL PROCESS:

In accordance with Sections 8.10 and 11.3 of the Procedural By-law being By-law 2015-108, as amended, Notices of Motion shall be in writing and delivered to the Clerk by the agenda deadline, to be included on the agenda for consideration at the scheduled Committee Meeting, and

A motion to reconsider a previous decision of Council at a subsequent meeting a) may only be introduced by a member who was present at the meeting and who voted in the majority when the decision was made or who was not present at the meeting when the decision was made, b) shall be introduced as a notice of motion in accordance with section 8.10 for consideration; and c) shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds vote of the members present.

---

### MOTION 1 (2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote):

Whereas the following motion was carried at the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor D. Sheen    **Seconded by:** Councillor N. de Boer  
2024-070

As printed on the Agenda, that By-law 2024-014 to By-law 2024-024 be read a first time and passed.

#### A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Councillor N. de Boer	X			
Councillor C. Early	X			
Councillor L. Kiernan	X			
Councillor D. Maskell	X			
Councillor C. Napoli	X			
Councillor T. Rosa	X			
Councillor M. Russo	X			
Councillor D. Sheen	X			
Mayor A. Groves	X			
Total	9			

Carried.

Whereas it is desirable to reconsider part of this prior decision at a subsequent meeting;

Whereas the motion is introduced by a member who was present at the meeting and who voted in the majority when the decision was made or who was not present at the meeting when the decision was made, in accordance with procedure by-law 2015-108 section 11.3;

Whereas the mover of a motion to reconsider specifies the reconsideration will address the part of the original decision of Council, in accordance with section 11.4 of the procedure by-law;



Therefore be it resolved that By-law 2024-017, being a by-law to amend Procedural By-law 2015-108, as amended, with respect to the proceedings of Council and its Committees, be reconsidered with respect to subsection 1(3) pertaining to the part which deleted the requirement to play the National Anthem at the beginning of meetings.

**MOTION 2 (If MOTION 1 is carried by 2/3rd vote):**

**Moved by:** Councillor D. Sheen      **Seconded by:** Councillor N. de Boer

That the amendment in By-law 2024-017 subsection 1(3) which deletes the requirement to play the National Anthem at the beginning of every meeting in Procedure By-Law 2015-108 subsection 8.2.2 be amended to remove this part of the deletion.

**AMENDING MOTION TO MOTION 2**

That the reconsidered main motion be amended to introduce the following whereas clauses:

Whereas the practice to play the national anthem at the beginning of meetings was discontinued during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

Whereas the Procedure By-law was amended at March 26, 2024 Council meeting through By-Law 2024-017 to ensure existing practices aligned with the Procedure By-Law; and

Whereas there is a desire to reinstate the National Anthem by the community at Council and Committee meetings; and

Whereas reconsidering the deletion of the National Anthem within meeting Opening Procedures effectively reinstates playing it as previously practiced prior to its discontinuation during the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective upon Council approval for the next meeting after July 23, 2024 Council meeting; and

Whereas the Procedure By-law work plan is reviewing section 8.2 regarding Opening Procedures;

and

That the reconsidered main motion be amended to add the words “therefore be it resolved” at the beginning of the main motion;

and

That the reconsidered main motion be amended to introduce the following that clause:

That options for the National Anthem being played at meetings on a permanent basis be included as a part of the scheduled review of the Procedure By-Law Section 8 (Meeting Proceedings) by the Municipal Clerk at the November 12, 2024 General Committee meeting.



**MAIN MOTION 2 AS AMENDED (if AMENDING MOTION TO MOTION 2 carries)**

Whereas the practice to play the national anthem at the beginning of meetings was discontinued during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

Whereas the Procedure By-law was amended at March 26, 2024 Council meeting through By-Law 2024-017 to ensure existing practices aligned with the Procedure By-Law; and

Whereas there is a desire to reinstate the National Anthem by the community at Council and Committee meetings; and

Whereas reconsidering the deletion of the National Anthem within meeting Opening Procedures effectively reinstates playing it as previously practiced prior to its discontinuation during the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective upon Council approval for the next meeting after July 23, 2024 Council meeting; and

Whereas the Procedure By-law work plan is reviewing section 8.2 regarding Opening Procedures;

Therefore be it resolved that the amendment in By-law 2024-017 subsection 1(3) which deletes the requirement to play the National Anthem at the beginning of every meeting in Procedure By-Law 2015-108 subsection 8.2.2 be amended to remove this part of the deletion; and

That options for the National Anthem being played at meetings on a permanent basis be included as a part of the scheduled review of the Procedure By-Law Section 8 (Meeting Proceedings) by the Municipal Clerk at the November 12, 2024 General Committee meeting.