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Purpose

To eliminate a City Public Meeting and speed up the process of referring the issue of rezoning applications requiring an amendment to the St. John's Municipal Plan to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

Policy Statement

1. When a rezoning application requires a Municipal Plan amendment, Council will a Resolution to amend the Zoning Map and Municipal Plan without conducting a City Public Meeting.
2. The resolution will be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for a Public Hearing on the proposed Municipal Plan amendment with a request that the Minister appoint a Commissioner to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Municipal Plan Amendment.
3. Once the date of the Commissioner's hearing has been set, the City would use its current program to send out written notices to property owners within the vicinity of the application site advising of the hearing.
4. The hearing will be chaired by the Commissioner appointed by the Minister; however, Members of Council have the option of attending the meeting. City staff and the Proponent will be present to explain the purpose of the Plan Amendment and Rezoning.
5. Council will review the Commissioner's report on the hearing and decide if it wishes to withdraw the Resolution to amend the Municipal Plan or permit the Rezoning and Plan Amendment to proceed its course, if so recommended by the Commissioner.
6. Council, if it so desires, still has the ability to conduct its own Public Meeting on rezoning applications involving a Municipal Plan Amendment where Council feels it to be warranted. Council would also still have the ability to conduct its own Public Meeting on any rezoning application which does not involve a Municipal Plan Amendment.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Engineering and Planning.

Definition

References/Appendix

Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

Regular Meeting of Council, April 1, 1996.

Review Period

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