

MEMORANDUM

June 7, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Katrina Leckovic
City Clerk

SUBJECT: Vote procedure

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

This memo responds to a Council member question posed at the reconvened Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on May 27, 2021.

BACKGROUND

At the May 27, 2021 Standing Committee meeting, during Item 10. Granville Street Promenade – A People First, Pedestrian Friendly, Summer 2021 Pilot (Members' Motion B.7), a Council member requested a memo prior to decision on the matter explaining the circumstances under which a vote can be called but not proceed. This item is scheduled to continue as Unfinished Business at the June 8, 2021 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

A vote can be called by the Chair or by 2/3 vote of Council members present at the meeting, in accordance with section 11.5 of the Procedure By-law.

Under section 11.6 of the Procedure By-law, once the Chair calls for Council members to vote and until the Chair declares the result of the vote on the motion, Council members must take their seats and remain sitting, not discuss the motion or make another motion, and not cause any noise or other disturbance. In accordance with section 11.6, no discussion or debate should occur once a vote is called. Should a member interrupt the voting process, the Chair may call the member to order noting that the member's actions are contrary to section 11.6 of the Procedure By-law.

In accordance with section 4.4 of the Procedure By-law, the Chair is to maintain order during a meeting. Should a member disagree with the ruling of the Chair in either permitting a member to speak during a vote or not permitting a member to speak during a vote, the member may appeal the decision of the Chair by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the members present at the meeting under section 166 of the Vancouver Charter.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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