

Outline of Issue

General bylaw and policy updates : Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy

Suggested Motion:

That **GSA Council** approve the recommendations of the GSA Board and GSA Governance Committee regarding changes to GSA Bylaws and Policy, as noted in the attached proposal, effective following two readings by GSA Council (in the case of GSA Bylaw) and one approval by GSA Council (in the case of GSA Policy). Policy changes are effective and binding from August 20 2024 and Bylaw changes are effective binding September 24 2024.

Note: This is the first reading of changes to GSA Bylaw. The second reading will occur on September 23, 2024. The recommended changes to GSA Policy are currently presented for information and will be presented for approval on September 23, 2024.

Background:

Over the course of the past 2 months, the GSA Summer Intern has reviewed the Integrated GSA Bylaw and Policy document with the intention to highlight any changes needed, as identified by GSA Board members and staff. These changes will provide more clarity and consistency for GSA governance and operations. The Bylaw changes will be reviewed at two (2) successive GSA Council meetings while the Policy changes will be reviewed at one (1) GSA Council meeting.

Jurisdiction:

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section A.BYL.1.2

"These Bylaws ... may be amended by two two-thirds majority votes of Council held on seven calendar days' notice of motion and no less than one week apart."

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section A.BYL.2.2

"GSA Policy is under the jurisdiction of GSA Council and may be amended by a simple majority vote of GSA Council at any meeting of GSA Council."