

COMMUNICATION C4

ITEM NO. 1

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(WORKING SESSION)**

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Subject: [External] October 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole - Registered Ratepayer Association Policy Review Update

On behalf of the SpringFarm Ratepayers Association (SFRA) Board of Directors, I offer the following comments regarding the Registered Ratepayer Association Policy Review Update slated for the October 6 Committee of the Whole (Working Session).

In general, the SFRA prefers Option 3 (a More Streamlined Version of the Existing Policy).

However, the SFRA is concerned that revisions to the Policy do not address many of the issues raised by ratepayer associations during our focus groups, held in October 2019. Those issues include but are not limited to:

1. City-provided training and education to ratepayer Board members with regard to City services and operations,
2. more advance notice of agenda and materials for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings,
3. support for LPAT/OLT hearing participation and,
4. formal consultation with ratepayer associations on City initiatives.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jordan Max, President

on behalf of the SpringFarm Ratepayers Association's Board of Directors