

Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Council Procedure By-law

The Council of the City of Mississauga will consider amendments to the Council Procedure By-law at its meeting of August 5, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The amendments will implement the following direction contained in General Committee Recommendation GC – 0486-2009, adopted by Council at its meeting on July 8, 2009:

- ◆ **Question Period shall be removed from Council meetings and redirected to all Standing Committees and Advisory Committees where initial debate on issues takes place, before decisions are forwarded to Council Meetings.**
- ◆ **Questions will continue to be restricted to subjects that appear on the agenda of that specific meeting.**
- ◆ **Question Period will be moved to the last item on each agenda to maintain the orderly flow of subjects on an agenda and to allow for questions which may arise as the agenda progresses.**
- ◆ **Question Period will be limited to questions rather than presentations, with preambles limited to one or two statements sufficient to establish context for a question. More extensive comments or presentations will be re-directed to the Clerk for the addition to a future agenda as a delegation.**
- ◆ **When answers are readily available, they can be delivered verbally at the time of the meeting. Otherwise, written responses shall be provided by staff, in a timely fashion, before the matter under discussion is finalized at Council.**
- ◆ **Question Period shall be limited to a total of 15 minutes. An extension of that time can be put to a motion, requiring a vote in the affirmative by a simple majority of Council.**

If you would like to address Council regarding the amendments to the Procedure By-law, please contact Shalini Alleluia, Legislative Coordinator at 905-615-3200 extension 5471 or by email shalini.alleluia@mississauga.ca before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

Written submissions to Council should be delivered c/o the Office of the City Clerk at 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga Ontario, L5B 3C1;
or by email to shalini.alleluia@mississauga.ca;
or by fax at 905-615-4181.