

To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Jeff Bunn, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
Re: Confirming By-law 2024

AIM

To obtain Council's authorization to consider a Confirming By-law to approve Council's actions during the year 2024.

BACKGROUND

Section 5 Subsection (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states "A municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise."

In many cases, action which is taken or authorized to be taken by Council does not lend itself to or require an individual by-law. The purpose of a "Confirming By-law" is to confirm all of Council's actions including resolutions, directions given to staff, etc. by means of a by-law.

COMMENTS

The Confirming By-law is considered at the last meeting of each year or the last meeting of a term of Council.

The City Solicitor recommends the passing of a confirming by-law on an annual basis as good practice.

RECOMMENDATION

That Woodstock City Council refer the Confirming By-law to the by-law section of the meeting.

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