

**5.6 Committee of the Whole**

- (1) Council may resolve at any time into a Committee of the Whole session by resolution.
- (2) Committee of the Whole follows the rules of procedure governing Standing Committees, established in section 5.8 of this by-law, with the exception of section 5.8(b) to enable recorded votes, and section 5.8(h) to permit the suspension of the rules of this by-law.
- (3) Committee of the Whole meetings may be authorized to be held apart from Council meetings for any purpose.
- (4) The Mayor shall be the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, but may appoint another member to act as Chair in his/her stead. The Mayor shall resume the Chair in the event of disorder in the meeting.
- (5) The Committee of the Whole shall consider and report on the following:

  - a) communications which have been referred to the committee;
  - b) any other matter or item of business which has been referred to the committee by Council; and
  - c) c) all items as listed on the Committee of the Whole agenda when held apart from a Council meeting.
- (6) The report of the Committee of the Whole, when held apart from regular meetings of Council, shall be treated in the same manner as standing committee reports when being considered by Council.
- (7) When sitting in Committee of the Whole as part of the proceedings of a Council meeting, the Committee may resolve back into Council upon approving a motion to rise and report to Council, which shall be decided without debate.
- (8) The proceedings in Committee of the Whole, when held as part of the proceedings at a Council meeting, shall be reported by the Chair as soon as the Committee rises and reports to Council, and consideration of the Committee report shall be the next order of business.