



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK**

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## BYLAW NO. 3696

A Bylaw of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek (hereinafter called "The City") to establish rules of procedure for Council.

**WHEREAS**, the Community Charter requires that each Municipal Council enact a Procedure Bylaw to establish the general procedures to be followed by Council and Council Committees in conducting their business;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Procedure Bylaw must establish the manner by which resolutions may be passed and bylaws adopted, the time, place and date for regular meetings of Council and Council Committee meetings and the procedure for giving public notice of Council and Council Committee meetings;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Dawson Creek, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

### PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

#### **Title**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **"COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 3696, 2003.**

#### **Definitions**

2. In this Bylaw,

"City" means the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek;

"City Hall" means the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek City Hall located at 10105 – 12A Street, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 3V7;

"Committee" means the a Standing, Select or other Committee of Council;

"Corporate Administrator" means the Corporate Administrator for the City;

"Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek;

"Mayor" means the Mayor of the City;

"Public Notice Posting Place" means the notice board at City;

### **Application of Rules of Procedure**

3. (1) The provisions of this Bylaw govern the proceedings of Council and all Standing and Select Committees of Council, as applicable;
- (2) In cases not provided for under this Bylaw, The New Robert’s Rules of Order, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 1998 shall apply to the proceedings of Council and Council Committees to the extent that those Rules are
  - (a) applicable in the circumstances, and
  - (b) not inconsistent with provisions of this Bylaw or the Community Charter.

## **PART 2 – COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **Inaugural Meeting**

4. (1) Following a general local election, the first Council meeting must be held on the first Monday in December in the year of the election.
- (2) If a quorum of Council Members elected at the general local election has not taken office by the date of the meeting referred to in Subsection (1), the first Council meeting must be called by the Corporate Administrator and held as soon as reasonably possible after a quorum has taken office.

### **Time and Location of Meetings**

5. (1) All Council meetings must take place within City Hall except when Council resolves to hold meetings elsewhere.
- (2) Regular Council meetings must
  - (a) be held Mondays, every second week except when:
    - a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for commencement of the meeting;
    - the Monday is a holiday, in which case Council meets after the holiday on the first day that is not a holiday;
    - Council resolves that a Regular Meeting be held on some other day specified in the resolution, in which case the Regular Meeting that is the object of the resolution shall convene as specified in the resolution;
  - (b) begin at 8:30 a.m. except when Council resolves that a Regular Meeting be held at some other time specified in the resolution, in which case the Regular Meeting that is the object of the resolution shall convene as specified in the resolution.

- (c) be adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on the day scheduled for the meeting unless Council resolves to proceed beyond that time in accordance with Section 27;
- (3) Regular Council meetings may:
  - (a) be cancelled by Council, provided that two consecutive meetings are not cancelled; and
  - (b) be postponed to a different day, time and place by the Mayor, provided the Corporate Administrator is given at least 2 days written notice.

### **Notice of Council Meetings**

- 6. (1) In accordance with Section 127 of the *Community Charter*, Council must prepare annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, a schedule of dates, times and places of regular Council meetings and must make the schedule available to the public by posting it at the Public Notice Posting Places.
- (2) In accordance with Section 127 of the *Community Charter*, Council must give notice annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the time that the schedule of regular Council meetings will be available beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*.
- (3) Where revisions are necessary to the annual schedule of regular Council meetings, the Corporate Administrator must, as soon as possible, post a notice at the Public Notice Posting Place which indicates any revisions to the date, time and place or cancellation of a regular Council meeting.

### **Notice of Special Meetings**

- 7. (1) Except where notice of a special meeting is waived by unanimous vote of all Council members under Section 127(4) of the *Community Charter*, a notice of the day, hour and place of a special Council meeting must be given at least 24 hours before the time of meeting, by
  - (a) posting a copy of the notice in the Council Chambers at City Hall;
  - (b) posting a copy of the notice at the Public Notice Posting Place; and
  - (c) leaving one copy of the notice for each Council member in the Council member's mailbox at City Hall.
- (2) The notice under Subsection (1) must describe in general terms the purpose of the meeting and be signed by the Mayor or the Corporate Administrator.

### **Electronic Meetings**

- 8. (1) Provided the conditions set out in Subsection 128(2) of the *Community Charter* are met,

- (a) a special Council meeting may be conducted by means of visual and audio, or audio, or electronic or other communication facilities if:
  - (i) the Mayor requires;
  - (ii) the Council requires; or
- (b) a member of Council or a Council Committee member who is unable to attend at a Council meeting or Council Committee meeting, as applicable, may participate in the meeting by means of visual and audio, audio or electronic or other communication facilities, if:
  - (i) the meeting is a regular, special and/or committee meeting.

### **PART 3 – DESIGNATION OF MEMBER TO ACT IN PLACE OF MAYOR**

#### **Annual Appointments**

- 9. (1) Annually, in December Council must from amongst its members designate Councillors to serve on a rotating basis as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to act or when the office of the Mayor is vacant.
- (2) Each Councillor designated under Section 9(1) must fulfill the responsibilities of the Mayor in his or her absence.
- (3) If both the Mayor and the Member designated under Section 9(1) are absent from the Council meeting, the Council members present must choose a Councillor to preside at the Council meeting.
- (4) The member designated under Section 9(1) or chosen under Section 9(3) has the same powers and duties as the Mayor in relation to the applicable matter.

### **PART 4 – COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

#### **Attendance of Public at Meetings**

- 10. (1) Except where the provisions of Section 90 of the *Community Charter* apply, all Council meetings must be open to the Public.
- (2) Before closing a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting to the public, Council must pass a resolution in a public meeting in accordance with Section 92 of the *Community Charter*.
- (3) This section applies to all meetings of the bodies referred to in Section 93 of the *Community Charter*, including without limitation:
  - (a) Standing and Select Committees;
  - (b) Parcel Tax Review Panel;
  - (c) Board of Variance;

- (4) Despite Subsection 10(1), the Mayor or the Councillor designated as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor under Section 9 of this Bylaw may expel or exclude from a Council meeting a person in accordance with Section 20(7) of this bylaw.

### **Minutes of Meetings to be Maintained and Available to the Public**

11. (1) Minutes of the proceedings of Council must be
- (a) legibly recorded;
  - (b) certified as correct by the Corporate Administrator; and
  - (c) signed by the Mayor or other member presiding at the meeting or at the next meeting at which the Minutes are adopted.
- (2) Subject to Subsection 11(3) of this Bylaw, and in accordance with Section 97(1)(b) of the *Community Charter*, Minutes of the proceedings of Council must be open for public inspection at City Hall during its regular office hours.
- (3) Subsection 11(2) of this Bylaw does not apply to Minutes of a Council meeting or that part of a Council meeting from which persons were excluded under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

### **Calling Meeting to Order**

12. (1) As soon after the time specified for a Council meeting as there is a quorum present, the Mayor, if present, must take the Chair and call the Council Meeting to order; however, where the Mayor is absent, the Councillor designated as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor in accordance with Section 9 of this Bylaw, must take the Chair and call such meeting to order.
- (2) If a quorum of Council is present but the Mayor or the Councillor designated as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor under Section 9 of this Bylaw does not attend within 15 minutes of the scheduled time for a Council meeting:
- (a) the Corporate Administrator must call to order the members present; and
  - (b) the members present must choose a member to preside at the meeting.

### **Adjourning Meeting Where no Quorum**

13. If there is no quorum of Council present with 15 minutes of the scheduled time for a Council meeting, the Corporate Administrator must:
- (a) record the names of the members present, and those absent; and
  - (b) adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting.

## Agenda

14. (1) Prior to each Council meeting, the Corporate Administrator must prepare an Agenda setting out all the items for consideration at that meeting, noting in short form a summary for each item on the agenda.
- (2) The deadline for submissions by the public to the Corporate Administrator of items for inclusion on the Council meeting Agenda must be **12:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesday** prior to the meeting.
- (3) The Corporate Administrator must make the Agenda available to members of Council and the Public at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- (4) Council must not consider any matters not listed on the Agenda unless a new matter for consideration is properly introduced as a Late Item pursuant to Section 16 of this Bylaw.
- (5) A motion by a Councillor that requires a decision by Council must be submitted to the Corporate Administrator for inclusion on the Council meeting Agenda by **12:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesday** prior to the meeting unless this requirement is waived by a two-thirds vote of Council present at the meeting and introduced under Section 16 below.

## Order of Proceedings and Business

15. (1) The Agenda for all Regular Council meetings contains the following matters in the order in which they are listed below:
  - (a) Open the Meeting;
  - (b) New/Councillor Business;
  - (c) Adoption of Minutes;
  - (d) Business Arising;
  - (e) Correspondence;
  - (f) Delegations – requests to address Council; (9:00 a.m.)
  - (g) Reports;
  - (h) Bylaws;
  - (i) Mayor's Business;
  - (j) Diary;
  - (k) Consent Calendar;
  - (l) Strategic Priorities Chart;
  - (m) Question and Answer Period;
  - (n) Media Question Period;
  - (o) Any Items to which the Public is excluded pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*. \* Note: If Committee of the Whole is to be held it will commence at 11:00 a.m. and prior to reconvening for the purposes of public excluded items;
  - (p) Adjournment.

- (2) Particular business at a Council Meeting must in all cases be taken up in the order in which it is listed on the Agenda unless otherwise resolved by Council.

### **Late Items**

16. (1) An item of business not included on the Agenda must not be considered at a Council meeting unless introduction of the Late Item is approved by Council at the time allocated on the Agenda for New Business.
- (2) If the Council makes a resolution under Section 16(1) of this Bylaw, information pertaining to late items must be distributed to the members.

### **Voting at Meetings**

17. (1) The following procedures apply to voting at Council Meetings:
  - (a) when debate on a matter is closed, the presiding member must put the matter to a vote of Council members;
  - (b) when the Council is ready to vote, the presiding member must put the matter to vote by stating:

“Those in favour raise your hands.”; and then  
“Those opposed raise your hands.”;
  - (c) when the presiding member is putting the matter to vote under paragraphs (a) and (b) above, a member must not
    - (i) cross or leave the room;
    - (ii) make a noise or other disturbance; or
    - (iii) interrupt the voting procedure under paragraph (b) unless the interrupting member is raising a point of order;
  - (d) after the presiding member finally puts the question to a vote under paragraph (b), a member must not speak to the question or make a motion concerning it;
  - (e) the presiding member’s decision about whether a question has been finally put is conclusive; and
  - (f) whenever a vote of Council on a matter is taken, each member present shall signify their vote by raising their hand; and
  - (g) the presiding member must declare the result of the voting by stating that the question is decided in either the affirmative or the negative.

## Delegations

18. (1) The Council may, by resolution, allow an individual or a delegation to address Council at the meeting or in the Committee of the Whole on the subject of an Agenda item provided written application on a prescribed form has been received by the Corporate Administrator by 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Each address must be limited to 10 minutes unless a longer period is agreed to by unanimous vote of those members present.
- (2) Where written application has not been received by the Corporate Administrator as prescribed in Section 18(1) above, an individual or delegation may address the meeting if approved by the unanimous vote of the members present.
- (3) Council must not permit a delegation to address a meeting of the Council regarding a bylaw in respect of which a public hearing has been held, where the public hearing is required under an enactment as a pre-requisite to the adoption of the bylaw.
- (4) The Corporate Administrator may schedule delegations to another Council meeting or advisory body as deemed appropriate according to the subject matter of the delegation;
- (5) The Corporate Administrator may refuse to place a delegation on the Agenda if the issue is not considered to fall within the jurisdiction of Council. If the delegation wishes to appeal the Corporate Administrator's decision, the information must be distributed under separate cover to Council for their consideration.

## Points of Order

19. (1) Without limiting the presiding member's duty under Section 132(1) of the *Community Charter*, the presiding member must apply the correct procedure to a motion:
- (a) if the motion is contrary to the rules of procedure in this bylaw; and
- (b) whether or not another Council member has raised a point of order in connection with this motion.
- (2) When the presiding member is required to decide a point of order:
- (a) the presiding member must cite the applicable rule or authority if requested by another Council member;
- (b) another member must not question or comment on the rule or authority cited by the presiding member under Subsection (2)(a); and
- (c) the presiding member may reserve the decision until the next Council meeting.

## Conduct and Debate

20. (1) A Council member may speak to a question or motion at a Council meeting only if that member first addresses the presiding member and the presiding member has recognized him or her.
- (2) Members must address the Mayor as “Your Worship”, a presiding member other than the Mayor as Mr., Ms. or Mrs. “Chairperson” and a Councillor is addressed with “Councillor” preceding his or her name.
- (3) No member may interrupt a member who is speaking except to raise a point of order.
- (4) If more than one member speaks, the presiding member must call on the member who, in the presiding member’s opinion, spoke first.
- (5) Members who are called to order by the presiding member
  - (a) must immediately stop speaking;
  - (b) may explain their position on the point of order; and
  - (c) may appeal to Council for its decision on the point of order in accordance with Section 132 of the *Community Charter*.
- (6) Members speaking at a Council meeting
  - (a) must use respectful language;
  - (b) must not use offensive gestures or signs;
  - (c) must speak only in connection with the matter being debated;
  - (d) may speak about a vote of Council only for the purpose of making a motion that the vote be rescinded; and
  - (e) must adhere to the rules of procedure established under this Bylaw and to the decisions of the presiding member and Council in connection with the rules and points of order.
- (7) If a member does not adhere to Subsection (6)(e), the presiding member may order the member to leave the member’s seat, and
  - (a) if the member refuses to leave, the presiding member may cause the member to be removed from the member’s seat by a peace officer; and
  - (b) if the member apologizes to the Council, Council may, by resolution, allow the member to retake the member’s seat.
- (8) A member may require the question being debated at a Council meeting to be read at any time during the debate if that does not interrupt another member who is speaking.
- (9) The following rules apply to limit speech on matters being considered at a Council meeting:
  - (a) a member may speak more than once in connection with the same question only

- (i) with the permission of the presiding member, or
  - (ii) if the member is explaining a material part of a previous speech without introducing a new matter;
- (b) a member who has made a substantive motion to the Council may reply to the debate;
- (c) a member who has moved an amendment, the previous question, or an instruction to committee may not reply to the debate;
- (d) a member may speak to a question, or may speak in reply, for longer than a total time of 10 minutes only with the permission of Council.

### **Motions Generally**

21. (1) Council may debate and vote on a motion only if it is first made by one Council member and then seconded by another.
- (2) A motion that deals with a matter that is not on the Agenda of the Council meeting at which the motion is introduced may be introduced with Council's permission.
- (3) A Council member may make only the following motions, when the Council is considering a question:
- (a) to refer to committee;
  - (b) to amend;
  - (c) to lay on the table;
  - (d) to postpone indefinitely;
  - (e) to postpone to a certain time;
  - (f) to move the previous question;
  - (g) to adjourn.
- (4) A motion made under Subsections (3)(c) to (g) is not amendable or debatable.
- (5) Council must vote separately on each distinct part of a question that is under consideration at a Council meeting if requested by a Council member.

### **Motion to Commit**

22. Until it is decided, a motion made at a Council meeting to refer to Committee precludes an amendment of the main question.

### **Motion for the Main Question**

23. (1) In this section, "main question", in relation to a matter, means the motion that first brings the matter before the Council.

- (2) At a Council meeting, the following rules apply to a motion for the main question, or for the main question as amended:
  - (a) if a member of Council moves to put the main question, or the main question as amended, to a vote, that motion must be dealt with before any other amendments are made to the motion on the main question; and
  - (b) if the motion for the main question, or for the main question as amended, is decided in the negative, the Council may again debate the question, or proceed to other business.

### **Amendments Generally**

24. (1) A Council member may, without notice, move to amend a motion that is being considered at a Council meeting.
  - (2) An amendment may propose removing, substituting for, or adding to the words of an original motion.
  - (3) A proposed amendment must be reproduced in writing by the mover if requested by the presiding member.
  - (4) A proposed amendment must be decided or withdrawn before the motion being considered is put to a vote unless there is a call for the main question.
  - (5) An amendment may be amended once only.
  - (6) An amendment that has been rejected by a vote of Council cannot be proposed again.
  - (7) A Council member may propose an amendment to an adopted amendment.
  - (8) The presiding member must put the main question and its amendments in the following order for the vote of Council:
    - (a) a motion to amend a motion amending the main question;
    - (b) a motion to amend the main question, or an amended motion amending the main question if the vote under subparagraph (a) is positive;
    - (c) the main question.

### **Reconsideration by Council Member**

25. (1) Subject to Subsection (5), a Council member may, at the next Council meeting,
  - (a) move to reconsider a matter on which a vote, other than to postpone indefinitely, has been taken, and

- (b) move to reconsider an adopted bylaw after an interval of at least 24 hours following its adoption.
- (2) A Council member who voted affirmatively for a resolution adopted by Council may at any time move to rescind that resolution.
- (3) Council must not discuss the main matter referred to in Subsection (1) unless a motion to reconsider that matter is adopted in the affirmative.
- (4) A vote to reconsider must not be reconsidered.
- (5) Council may only reconsider a matter that has not
  - (a) had the assent of the electors,
  - (b) been reconsidered under Subsection (1) or Section 131 of the *Community Charter*,
  - (c) been acted on by an officer, employee, or agent of the City.
- (6) The conditions that applied to the adoption of the original bylaw, resolution, or proceeding apply to its rejection under this section.
- (7) A bylaw, resolution, or proceedings that is reaffirmed under Subsection (1) or Section 131 of the *Community Charter* is valid and has the same effect as it had before reconsideration.

### **Privilege**

- 26. (1) In this section, a matter of privilege refers to any of the following motions:
  - (a) fix the time to adjourn;
  - (b) adjourn;
  - (c) recess;
  - (d) raise a question of privilege of the Council;
  - (e) raise the question of privilege of a member of Council.
- (2) A matter of privilege must be immediately considered when it arises at a Council meeting.
- (3) For the purposes of Subsection (2), a matter of privilege listed in Subsection (1) has precedence over those matters listed after it.

### **Adjournment**

- 27. (1) Council may continue a Council meeting after 12:00 noon for one-half hour only by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of Council members present.

(2) Council may continue past 12:30 p.m. only by an unanimous vote of all Council members present.

(3) A motion to adjourn either a Council meeting or the debate at a Council meeting is always in order if that motion has not been preceded at that meeting by the same motion.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to either of the following motions:

- (a) a motion to adjourn to a specific day;
- (b) a motion that adds an opinion or qualification to a preceding motion to adjourn.

## **PART 5 – BYLAWS**

### **Copies of Proposed Bylaws to Council Members**

28. A proposed bylaw may be introduced at a Council meeting only if a true copy of it has been delivered to each Council member at least 24 hours before the Council meeting, or all Council members unanimously agree to waive the requirement.

### **Bylaws to be Considered Separately or Jointly**

29. Council must consider a proposed bylaw at a Council meeting either:

- (a) separately when directed by the presiding member or requested by another Council member; or
- (b) jointly with other proposed bylaws in the sequence determined by the presiding member.

### **Reading and Adopting Bylaws**

30. (1) The presiding member of a Council meeting may:

(a) have the Corporate Administrator read a synopsis of each proposed bylaw or group of proposed bylaws; and then

(b) request a motion that the proposed bylaw or group of bylaws be read.

(2) The readings of the bylaw may be given by stating its title and object.

(3) A proposed bylaw may be debated and amended at any time during the first three readings unless prohibited by the *Community Charter*.

(4) Subject to Section 882 of the *Local Government Act*, each reading of a proposed bylaw must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council members present.

- (5) In accordance with Section 135 of the *Community Charter*, Council may give two or three readings to a proposed bylaw at the same Council meeting.
- (6) Despite Section 135(3) of the *Community Charter*, and in accordance with Section 890(9) of the *Local Government Act*, Council may adopted a proposed Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaw at the same meeting at which the plan or bylaw passed third reading.

### **Bylaws must be Signed**

- 31. After a bylaw is adopted, and signed by the Corporate Administrator and the presiding member of the Council meeting at which it was adopted, the Corporate Administrator must have it placed in the City's records for safekeeping and endorse upon it:
  - (a) the City's corporate seal;
  - (b) the dates of its readings and adoption; and
  - (c) the date of Ministerial approval or approval of the electorate if applicable.

## **PART 6 – COMMITTEES**

### **Duties of Standing Committees**

- 32. (1) Standing Committees must consider, inquire into, report, and make recommendations to Council about all of the following matters:
  - (a) matters that are related to the general subject indicated by the name of the committee;
  - (b) matters that are assigned by Council;
  - (c) matters that are assigned by the Mayor.
- (2) Standing Committees must report and make recommendations to Council at all of the following times:
  - (a) in accordance with the schedule of the Committee's meetings;
  - (b) on matters that are assigned by Council or the Mayor, or
    - (i) as required by Council or the Mayor, or
    - (ii) at the next Council Meeting if the Council or Mayor does not specify a time.

### **Duties of Select Committees**

- 33. (1) Select Committees must consider, inquire into, report, and make recommendations to Council about the matters referred to the Committee by Council.

- (2) Select Committees must report and make recommendations to Council at the next Council meeting unless Council specifies a different date and time.

### **Schedule of Committee Meetings**

34. (1) At its first meeting after its establishment, a Standing or Select Committee must establish a regular schedule of meetings.
- (2) The Chair of a Committee may call a meeting of the Committee in addition to the scheduled meetings or may cancel a meeting.

### **Notice of Committee Meetings**

35. (1) Subject to Subsection (2), after the Committee has established the regular schedule of Committee meetings, including times, dates and places of the Committee meetings, notice of the schedule must be given by:
  - (a) posting a copy of the Schedule at the Public Notice Posting Place; and
  - (b) providing a copy of the Schedule to each member of the Committee.
- (2) Where revisions are necessary to the annual schedule of committee meetings, the Corporate Administrator must, as soon as possible, post a Notice at the Public Notice Posting Place that indicates any revisions to the date, time and place or cancellation of a Committee meeting.
- (3) The Chair of a Committee must cause a notice of the day, time and place of a meeting called under Section 35(2) to be given to all members of the Committee at least 12 hours before the time of the meeting.

### **Attendance at Committee Meetings**

36. Council members who are not members of a Committee may attend the meetings of the Committee.

### **Minutes of Committee Meetings to be Maintained and Available to Public**

37. Minutes of the proceedings of a Committee must be
  - (a) legibly recorded;
  - (b) certified by the Corporate Officer;
  - (c) signed by the Chair or member presiding at the meeting; and
  - (d) open for public inspection in accordance with Section 97(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*.

**Quorum**

38. The quorum for a Committee is a majority of all of its members.

**Conduct and Debate**

39. (1) The rules of the Council procedure must be observed during Committee meetings, so far as is possible and unless as otherwise provided in this Bylaw.

(2) Council members attending a meeting of a Committee, of which they are not a member, may participate in the discussion only with the permission of a majority of the Committee members present.

(3) A motion made at a meeting of a Committee is not required to be seconded.

**Voting at Meetings**

40. Council members attending a meeting of a Committee of which they are not a member must not vote on a question.

**PART 7 – GENERAL**

41. If any section, subsection or clause of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

42. This bylaw may not be amended or repealed and substituted unless Council first gives notice in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*.

43. The City of Dawson Creek Council Procedure Bylaw No. 3445, 2000 and Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 3502, 2000 are hereby repealed.

**READ** a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

**READ** a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

**READ** a third time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

**CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY** of Bylaw No. 3696 cited as "COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 3696, 2003".  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Malcolm  
Corporate Administrator

The Corporate Seal of **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK** was affixed in the presence of:

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Wayne Dahlen, Mayor

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John Malcolm, Corporate Administrator