

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

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Existing Bylaw:

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Bylaw w/ proposed change:

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How the Bylaw would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

The existing wording is contradictory and does not reflect the original intent of this by-law.