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Memorandum

To: Council
Cc: Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: February 13, 2018
From: Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk
Subject: Councillor Pollard – Authorizing an Absence in accordance with the Municipal Act

Recommendation

That the February 13, 2018 memorandum from Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk, regarding **Councillor Pollard – Authorizing an Absence in accordance with the Municipal Act**, be received; and

That Councillor John Pollard is authorized to be absent from City Council Meetings exceeding three successive months in accordance with Section 259(1)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended.

Background

Municipal Act, 2001 as amended

Vacant seat

259 (1) The office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member,

(c) is absent from the meetings of council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council;

Councillor Pollard was present at the November 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Risk/Considerations

If a motion is not passed authorizing Councillor John Pollard to be absent in excess of three successive months, the seat becomes vacant.

This matter will be brought back to Council no later than May 8, 2018, should Councillor Pollard's leave be prolonged.

Conclusion

As of February 14, 2018, Councillor Pollard will be absent for three successive months. Councillor Pollard has indicated that he is intending to return to his seat at Council Meetings as soon as possible. Therefore a motion authorizing Councillor John Pollard to be absent from further meetings of Council is recommended.