Report

NORTH Cowichan

DateFebruary 21, 2023File: 3900-50SubjectDelegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw No. 3895, 2023 for first three readings

PURPOSE

To introduce Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw No. 3895, 2023, to remove the Audit Committee from the Delegation of Authority Bylaw.

BACKGROUND

Council, at their February 7, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, directed staff to prepare an amendment to Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 3814, 2021, to remove the delegation of Council's authority to the Audit Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Audit Committee was disbanded in 2019; however, the Delegation of Authority Bylaw was not amended to return the powers, duties and functions under Division 2 of Part 6 of the *Community Charter* that Council had delegated to the Audit Committee. A bylaw amendment is required to remove this delegated authority. Background information on the Audit Committee has been provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** Support the Committee of the Whole's desire to remove the Audit Committee from the Delegation of Authority Bylaw.

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw No. 3895, 2023".

- 2. (Alternative Option) If Council does not support the desire to remove the Audit Committee from the Delegation of Authority Bylaw, a terms of reference will need to be drafted in order to re-establish the Audit Committee.
 - (1) THAT Council direct staff to prepare terms of reference for the Audit Committee consistent with what had been established before the Committee was disbanded in 2019; or
 - (2) THAT Council direct staff to prepare terms of reference for the Audit Committee and include the following conditions and responsibilities:
 - (Council to identify what to include, such as mandate, composition, term, frequency of meetings, etc.)

IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for any of the options provided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw No. 3895, 2023".

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Attachments:

- (1) Background Information Audit Committee
- (2) Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw No. 3895, 2023