



City of Delta  
COUNCIL REPORT  
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

File No.: **0540-01**

From: **Office of the City Clerk**

Date: **March 9, 2025**

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**Council Committees: pre-Election 2026**

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The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Variance members' appointments be extended to December 31, 2026.

▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to request an extension to the appointment of the members of the Board of Variance to meet legislated requirements. This report also provides a summary of the steps that have been, or will be, taken in relation to Council Committees ahead of the 2026 General Local Election.

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

In February 2025 Council passed a motion for "all Committees of Council to be disbanded on March 31, 2026 in anticipation of the next local general election on October 17, 2026" (Attachment A).

The Board of Variance is a legislated entity required of municipalities that have a zoning bylaw. Council passed a motion to disband all committees, and the Board of Variance appointees were notified that their term would end March 31, 2026 along with other Committees. The terms for the Board of Variance appointees need to be extended to ensure compliance with Section 536 of the Local Government Act.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

Council Committees

In anticipation of the General Local Elections for 2026, it was determined that Council Committees would be disbanded on March 31, 2026. All committee members were notified. After the election, the newly elected Council will determine which, if any, committees will be established and recruitment for members to those committees will begin.

Board of Variance

The Board of Variance is an exception, and while the appointed members were sent letters indicating the ending of their term as March 31, 2026, there is a need to extend their term to December, as noted above, to meet legislative requirements. Staff will contact the current members to confirm they are willing to continue in their appointments. An initial inquiry indicated that most would be willing. Note that one of the appointees has resigned, however the number of remaining members fulfills the requirements of the board.

External Agencies

Council appointments to external agencies such as TransLink and the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board will continue until the end of Council's term. Appointments to the Police Board and EComm will be handled under different reports. After the newly elected Council is sworn in, all Council appointments to external agencies will be reconsidered.

Council Liaisons

Council appointments as liaisons to community groups, organizations, and regional agencies will continue, however this does not preclude any Council member from engaging with any of these entities.

**Implications:**

Financial Implications – There are no financial implications.

▪ **CONCLUSION:**

This report is a reminder of Council's direction on disbanding committees, requests a correction to extend the Board of Variance appointments, and outlines the continuing role of Council appointments to external agencies and miscellaneous liaison appointments.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed departments.

Concurring Departments		
Department	Name	Signature
Development	Tanya Mitchner	TM

▪ **ATTACHMENT:**

Council Resolution February 3, 2025 Closed Meeting, subsequently released