



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council File No: 0610-04
Date: January 13, 2025
From: S. Wood, Manager, Legislative Services
Subject: eScribe Report Manager Implementation

Purpose: To provide an update of eScribe Report Manager implementation, proposed changes and next steps.

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the eScribe Report Manager memorandum and report templates as presented.

Background:

- a. Rationale: eScribe was implemented in 2022 for Council agendas and minutes and included the option for Report Manager and Board Manager modules. Administration is working towards the implementation of Report Manager and this will be done in stages, giving time for each department to be trained and making adjustments that may arise. During the transition, Council will see both the old and the new reports and memorandums (memos) on the agenda until the implementation is complete. Full implementation is anticipated by the end of March.

Council will notice a change in the look of the reports and memos on the agenda. The structure and content will remain the same with some modifications to the location they appear within the document.

Administration is proposing a change to the recommendation (motions) between a report and a memo:

- A report will include a recommendation for a Council decision and will not include the portion of the motion "To receive...", it will only include the decision.
- A memo will be used when Administration is providing information only and not recommending a decision. The memo can include a motion to receive, however, Council could consider no motion with the meeting minutes noting the item was for information.

As always, Council may make a motion and provide direction whether the item is presented on a report or memo with or without a recommendation.

Some additional changes:

- Staff will be provided the option to include their name on the report/memo or to use their title only;
- The memo/report date will be the Council meeting date; and
- There are no signatures on the report/memo as they are approved electronically through the software.

b. Relevant Policy/Bylaw/Resolutions/Legislative Authority:
n/a

c. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

Council's strategic goal of Governance & Organizational Excellence includes focusing on internal systems and processes that support effective and efficient service delivery and this project is in alignment.

d. Committee Recommendations:
n/a

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications as this module is included in the current software package.

Alternatives & Implications:

1. THAT Council approve the eScribe Report Manager memorandum and report templates presented with the following modifications:
2. THAT Council approve the eScribe Report Manager memorandum and report templates presented;
AND FURTHER, that a resolution to receive an information item, no longer be required and there will be a notation in the minutes that the item was for information.

Communication:

Internal training and rollout will be initiated immediately with final implementation anticipated by the end of March.

Reviewed by: Director, Corporate Administration

Approved by: Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: n/a