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Item No. 14.5.3

Request for Council's Consideration

- Included on Agenda**
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)
- Added Item**
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
- Request from the Floor**

Date of Council Meeting: January 12, 2016

Subject: Possible amendments to the Heritage Incentives Program

Motion for Council to Consider: Request a staff report that discusses:

1. implications of potential amendments to Administrative Order 2014-002-ADM, the Heritage Incentives Program Administrative Order, that would:
 - a) change the intake period for applications from January 1st until March 1st for the following fiscal year to October 1st and December 31 for the upcoming fiscal year;
 - b) change the requirement that eligible applications must be evaluated and prioritized by staff and a report and recommendations prepared for consideration by the Heritage Advisory Committee no later than June 30th to the requirement that the evaluation and recommendation report for a HAC recommendation be prepared and the HAC should consider the matter by March 31 so that it can be debated by Regional Council in April of each year once the budget has been passed; and
 - c) change when projects must be completed from March 31st of the same fiscal year as the approval to October 31 of the year following approval which will enable work to be done over 2 summers, and include any financial concerns around the creation of a reserve if this change is made; and
2. Whether the grants need to be approved by Regional Council or whether Regional Council may delegate the approval and sign off of the grants to the CAO, or her/his delegate, with a requirement that an information report be provided to Regional Council at least once a year listing the grants that were awarded.

Reason: To provide background, not direct staff to make changes so that we can understand implications first.

Outcome Sought: Staff report

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District 8