

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

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WHEREAS under the Environmental Assessment Act, certain classes of Environmental Assessments do not require public information sessions; and

WHEREAS it has been a common practice in the City of Sault Ste. Marie to hold public information sessions even when not required to do so; and

WHEREAS there is no standard process for giving notice of public information sessions to residents within an area affected by the Environmental Assessment; and

WHEREAS a standard notice policy would assure council that a regular procedure had been followed across all city departments when undergoing an Environmental Assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be requested to bring forward a policy as to when public information sessions will be held, what notice will be circulated, and within which time frames those notices will be circulated for Environmental Assessments that do not require a formal public information session, but do require public notice.