

Decision Note

Title: Motion to Rescind DRA 68, 2026

Date Prepared: April 13, 2026

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Tom Davis, Planning

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

To rescind the Council motion SJMC-R-2026-01-27/030 in which Council adopted Envision St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 68, 2026 and accepted a staff report in lieu of a land use report.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

A text amendment to the Envision St. John's Development Regulations to update our public consultation requirements in line with new requirements of the Urban and Rural Planning Act (URPA) was adopted by Council on January 27, 2026. Following adoption, the documents were forwarded to the NL Department of Municipal and Community Affairs for registration. Upon review, the Department asked for changes to the amendment to include updating our public notice process for variances. We had not proposed changes to how we deal with variances.

This will not change how we deal with variances. It affects how the Development Regulations refer to public consultation for variances. This includes amending section 7.4 "Variances" in addition to section 4.8 "Public Consultation". Staff have updated the amendment to incorporate the requested changes. Prior to adopting the revised amendment, it is advisable for Council to first rescind the previous adoption.

Should Council proceed to rescind the January 27, 2026, adoption, the revised amendment is provided in this agenda, attached to a separate memo, for Council's consideration

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Not applicable.

2. Partners or Interested Parties: Not applicable.
3. Is this a New Plan, Master Plan, Strategy, Report, or Framework: No
4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Sustainable City: Plan for land use and preserve and enhance the natural and built environment where we live.

An Effective City: Ensure accountability and good governance through transparent and open decision making.
5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: St. John's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.
6. Accessibility and Inclusion: Not applicable.
7. Legal or Policy Implications: An amendment to the Envision St. John's Development Regulations is required.
8. Privacy Implications: Not applicable.
9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Not applicable.
10. Human Resource Implications: Not applicable.
11. Procurement Implications: Not applicable.
12. Information Technology Implications: Not applicable.
13. Information Management Implications: Not applicable.
14. Other Implications: Not applicable.

Recommendation:

That Council rescind motion SJMC-R-2026-01-27/030 regarding the adoption of Envision St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 68, 2026.

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