

From: [Fertich, Wayne](#)
To: [Norio, Ann-Marie](#)
Cc: [Witteveen, Albert](#)
Subject: RE: "Refer/Defer" motions
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 11:15:29 AM

Ann-Marie

After some consultation I wish to have my suggested motion to be brought forward to committee.

Thanks for your help

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Wayne F. Fertich
Grimsby Regional Councillor

On October 9, 2020 at 10:55:38 AM EDT, Norio, Ann-Marie <Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Good morning Councillor Fertich,

I wanted to provide you with some information on this prior to actioning it.

Although I can appreciate your desire to allow members the ability to speak when a motion has been referred or deferred, the use of a motion to refer or defer is a tool that can be used when it is apparent that the body either needs more information in order to make a decision or would like another body to consider the issue. A deferral motion is used when a body does not want to make the decision at that point in time. There is an obligation on the part of the majority to respect its own decisions and similarly the minority is obliged to accept and respect the decisions of the majority. A decision reached by due process must be recognized and observed. If the members that are still on the speakers list when a referral or deferral motion is put forward, still want the opportunity to speak to the matter, then the opportunity to defeat the motion is available to them. Allowing additional discussion on the matter after a referral/deferral motion has been made would in essence only continue the original debate and defeats the purpose of a referral/deferral motion ending debate on a matter.

Should you wish to pursue this, consideration of your suggestion should be made to the Procedural By-law Review Committee. A meeting of this Committee will be set in the near future. I can include your suggestion as an agenda item for their next meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ann-Marie

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From: Fertich, Wayne <Wayne.Fertich@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2020 10:30 AM

To: Norio, Ann-Marie <Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca>

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Subject: Re: "Refer/Defer" motions

Ms Norio:

I don't see my suggestion about the motion to "defer/ refer" on the agenda of the Corporate Services meeting for this week. Would it go directly to Council?

Thanks for your help.

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On September 23, 2020 at 9:30:54 AM EDT, Fertich, Wayne
<Wayne.Fertich@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Ann-Marie :

May I submit the following resolution for consideration:

Be it resolved when a councillor calls for a motion to "Refer/Defer" a motion that the Councillors that are registered to speak about the motion, prior to the motion just been declared "Referred/Deferred" be given 5(five) minutes to speak about the motion. Then after the last speaker the motion will be "Referred/Deferred".

This gives everyone an opportunity to speak to the motion. Many times councillors have not been able to speak to the motion.

Thanks for your help

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