



POLICY: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AT MEETINGS

SECTION: Council

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SUPERSEDES: N/A

AUTHORIZED:


Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy limiting the use of electronic communications devices (including but not limited to, cell phones, tablets and Blackberries) during Council and Committee meetings.

BACKGROUND:

Whereas the affairs and decisions of the District of Stewart should elicit our greatest concentration and respect because we have the ability to affect the lives of many, the interruption of this concentration during meetings through the use of cell phones and other electronic communications devices should not be permitted.

POLICY:

1. All electronic communications devices (ie: cell phones, smart phones, tablets, Blackberries, etc.) shall be turned off by all members of Council and the Public in attendance during a meeting unless permission is given by Council resolution;
2. Those Council members participating in Council meetings electronically are to have all other electronic devices turned off;
3. Emergency personnel are exempt from section (1) above;
4. Any exceptions should be advised that any correspondence during this meeting by use of electronic means may be subject to an FOI request and the usage should be reported to the District's FOI Officer for review;