



Hamilton

GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT 21-005

Friday, July 14, 2021

1:30 pm

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), B. Clark, L. Ferguson, and A. VanderBeek

Absent: Councillors M. Pearson – City Business, T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. 2022 Municipal Election: Voting Methods and Tabulating By-law (FCS21073) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix “A” to Governance Review Sub-Committee Report 21-005, to permit the continued use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in municipal elections, and to permit the use of a special vote by mail as an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved;
 - (b) That a one-time increase of \$125,000 to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve, to support a special vote-by-mail initiative for the 2022 municipal election; and,
 - (c) That the annual contribution to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be increased by \$31,250 to cover the increased costs to deliver a special vote-by-mail for future municipal elections, be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The July 14, 2021 Agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) June 25, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the June 25, 2021 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

The following amendment to the Governance Review Sub-Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

(a) Item Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

2022 Municipal Elections: Alternative Voting Options (FCS20081)
(City Wide) (Item 9.7)

Added: At GIC on December 9, 2020 - Item 9.7

Removed: At Governance Review on July 14, 2021 - Item 10.1

OBL Item: 20-G

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Wilson, Vice-Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

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