



Hamilton

REPORT 11-004

GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 6, 2011

1:00 p.m.

Room 171, (1st Floor)

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillor R. Powers (Chair)
Councillors B. Clark, M. Pearson, T. Whitehead

Absent: Councillor Pasuta – Personal Business

Also Present: R. Caterini, City Clerk
M. Gallagher, Deputy Clerk
R. Rossini, General Manager Finance and Corporate Services
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Council Meeting Start Times (verbal update) (Item 4.1)**
 - a) That Council commence a pilot program in January 2012 for a 4-month period where Council meetings start at 5:00 pm;
 - b) That Council meetings which begin at 5:00 pm, will be tape delayed and broadcasted on Cable 14 at 7:00 pm;
 - c) That public consultation take place in the fourth month of the pilot program.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 1)

Chair Powers called the meeting to order. On behalf of the Committee, Chair Powers expressed best wishes to Councillor Pearson on her birthday.

(b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(i) May 26, 2011

The minutes of the May 26, 2011 Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting, were approved.

(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Council Meeting Start Times (verbal update) (Item 4.1)

The Committee discussed the options with respect to Council start times. There was some concern to insure meetings were still accessible and convenient for Citizens.

(ii) 2012 Committee Calendar (Item 4.2)

The Committee discussed the bulk of GIC meetings and the adoption of a legislative calendar with two GIC meetings per month. The Committee expressed interest in having two GIC's a month, but the matter would require further discussion and consultation with SMT.

The 2012 Committee Calendar was deferred to the next Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting.

(iii) Disclosure Policy for Expenses Submitted by Elected Officials and Senior Staff (Item 4.3)

The Disclosure Policy for Expenses Submitted by Elected Officials and Senior Staff, was deferred to the next Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting, was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
October 6, 2011