



Hamilton

REPORT 15-001
GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
Friday, June 8, 2015
1:00 p.m. Room 830
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors M. Pearson (Chair), M. Green (Vice-Chair), J. Partridge, L. Ferguson and A. VanderBeek.

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item A)

- (a) That Councillor M. Pearson be appointed Chair of the Governance Review Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 term of Hamilton City Council.
- (b) That Councillor M. Green be appointed Vice-Chair of the Governance Review Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 term of Hamilton City Council.

2. 2016 Committee/Council Calendar (Item 6.1)

That the 2016 Committee/Council Calendar, attached as Appendix "A" to Report 15-001, be approved.

3. Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force (Referred from the General Issues Committee meeting of September 17, 2014) (Item 6.2)

That the Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force, attached as Appendix "B" to Report 15-001, be approved.

4. Correspondence from John Bolognone, City Clerk, City of Kingston, respecting Municipal Electoral Reform within the Province of Ontario (Item 6.3)

That the correspondence from John Bolognone, City Clerk, City of Kingston, respecting Municipal Reform within the Province of Ontario, be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The June 8, 2015 agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) September 5, 2014 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the September 5, 2014 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) 2016 Committee/Council Calendar (Item 6.1)

Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, presented the 2016 Committee/Council Calendar, with discussion including, but not limited to:

- Scheduling of budget dates, which will be finalized over the next two months as per Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services.

For disposition of this item, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Correspondence from John Bolognone, City Clerk, City of Kingston, respecting Municipal Electoral Reform within the Province of Ontario (Item 6.3)

Tony Fallis, Manager of Election Services, provided an overview of the proposed Municipal Electoral Reform within the Province of Ontario, with discussion including, but not limited to:

- Exploration by the Province of including an option for municipalities to choose ranked ballots starting the 2018 elections.
- Ranked ballots would allow a voter to rank candidates in order of preference --first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. -- instead of just voting for one candidate.
- Encouraged input via the public consultation process, which runs until July 27, 2015 and is available online at www.ontario.ca/municipalelections.
- Ranked ballots are not being considered for school boards – two different types of election processes could present challenges.

For disposition on this item, refer to Item 4.

(iii) Recommendations from Andre Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario, respecting the Recording of Closed Session Meetings

Rose Caterini, City Clerk, and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, City Solicitor, provided an overview of the Ombudsman's recommendations, with discussion including, but not limited to:

- Audio recording of closed meetings – City of Hamilton's position, challenges and opportunities.
- Reference to Report CL12005(a) / LS12033(a), dated June 10, 2013, respecting Audio Recording of Closed Session Meetings.
- Request to the Province for the establishment of legislative framework under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, respecting access and disclosure of electronically recorded in-camera meetings to properly protect municipal interests.

As per the recommendations in Andre Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario's April 2015 report, the City Solicitor was directed to prepare an Information Report that contains the previous reports and Council decisions respecting the audio and video recording of Closed Session meetings at the City of Hamilton, including the response received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the September 2, 2015 General Issues Committee.

(e) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 9.1)

The following Outstanding Business List Items were removed:

- (i) Item “A” – “Inner City Fund” and the “Geographic Factor”
- (ii) Item “B” – Integrity Commissioner By-law – Amendments to Section 22 (CL14003/LS14005)

The following Outstanding Business List Item due date was amended:

- (i) Item “C” – “Process for Appointing Members to the Compliance Audit Committee”
Current Due Date: “2014-2018 Council”
Revised Due Date: December 2015

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

There being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

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