



Hamilton

REPORT 16-002
GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
Monday, May 2, 2016
1:00 p.m., Room 192/193
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 16-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman (Added Item)

That a clause which ensures that members of media and public are offered adequate time to re-enter a meeting following a closed session meeting be included during the next Procedural By-law amendments.

2. Colombian Community's Request regarding Council's Code of Conduct (Item 4.1)

That the following recommendations put forth by the Colombian Community be directed to the Integrity Commissioner and City Solicitor for consideration in their review of the Code of Conduct:

- Amend City of Hamilton Procedural By-law No. 14-300 – Code of Conduct for Council Members, Section 19 – Compliance with the Code of Conduct;
- Expand Section 19.1 – Additional disciplinary measures such as authority of Integrity Commissioner to censure Councillor; and
- Introduce Section 19.2 – mandating city staff to detail and emphasize authority of enforcement.

3. 2017 Council/Committee Calendar (Item 4.4)

That the 2017 Council/Committee Calendar be approved, attached hereto.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

Delegation Request by Joey Coleman, respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman (for today's meeting)

The May 2, 2016 Agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest respecting Item 4.1 - Colombian Community's Request regarding Council's Code of Conduct.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) January 14, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee, were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Delegation Request by Joey Coleman, respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman (for today's meeting)

The Delegation Request by Joey Coleman, respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman, was approved for the May 2, 2016 meeting.

(e) DELEGATIONS

(ii) Joey Coleman, respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman (for today’s meeting)

Joey Coleman addressed Committee respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman. The verbal presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- A complaint was filed with the Office of the Ombudsman on January 17, 2016 and then dropped due to mediated settlement reached on the basis that changes would occur regarding ensuring members of media and public were provided with adequate time to re-enter into a meeting following a closed session.
- Acknowledged that the Chair’s Procedures for meetings currently reflect this agreed upon change, but requests that it also be written in the Procedural By-law when updated.

The Delegation by Joey Coleman, respecting Procedural By-law Updates – Mediated Settlement Assisted by Ombudsman, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Colombian Community’s Request regarding Council’s Code of Conduct (Item 4.1)

Rose Caterini, City Clerk, and Lisa Pasternak, Solicitor, advised that the City Solicitor and Integrity Commissioner will be reviewing the Code of Conduct in Q3 2016 and updating the Council Code of Conduct.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Review of all Ward Budgets to Maintain a Sustainable Level of Funding (Item 4.2)

Staff was directed to report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee on the Review of all Ward Budgets to Maintain a Sustainable Level of Funding, with the following information:

- What an 8-9 per cent budget increase looks like for all ward budgets;
- History of ward budgets over the past 10 years, excluding salaries;
- Number of support staff to each Councillor in ratio to population size; and
- Municipal comparisons (i.e. London, Ottawa and Burlington)

(iii) Proclamations in the City of Hamilton (CL16002(a)) (Item 4.3)

Janet Pilon, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, provided an overview of Report CL16002(a) respecting Proclamations in the City of Hamilton, including: municipal comparators, process for issuing proclamations, costs and administrative functions, and recommendations should a proclamation procedure be implemented.

That Report CL16002(a) respecting Proclamations in the City of Hamilton be received.

(iv) 2017 Council/Committee Calendar (Item 4.4)

Staff were asked to have the 2017 Budget meeting dates included in the 2017 Council/Committee Calendar as soon as possible.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Green/VanderBeek)

The following Outstanding Business List Items were removed:

- (i) Item "C" – "Proclamations in the City of Hamilton"
- (ii) Item "D" – "Colombian Community's Request regarding Council's Code of Conduct"
- (iii) Item "G" – "Municipal Campaign Contributions from Corporations and Trade Unions"

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

Denis Farr
Legislative Coordinator