



Hamilton

REPORT 17- 002
GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 30, 2017
2:00 p.m., Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors M. Pearson (Chair), L. Ferguson and M. Green

Absent with
Regrets: Councillors J. Partridge (Vice Chair) and A. VanderBeek – City Business

Also in
Attendance: Councillor T. Jackson

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **City Employees Appointed as Citizen Members to City Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions (LS17019) (City Wide) (*referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee by Council on February 22, 2017*) (Item 5.1)**

That Report LS1700, respecting City Employees Appointed as Citizen Members to City Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions, be received.

2. **Community Councils (CL17007) (City Wide) (*referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee by Council on March 29, 2017*) (Item 5.2)**

That Report CL17007, respecting Community Councils, be received.

3. **2018 Council / Committee Calendar (Item 8.1)**

That the 2018 Council / Committee Calendar (attached as Appendix A to Report 17-002), be approved ***as amended***, as follows:

- (i) ***That staff were directed to limit the scheduling of meetings, other than Budget meetings, during the week of March 4, 2018.***

4. Civic Rings for Members of City Council (CL17004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Appendix B to Report 17-002, a Policy for Civic Rings to Outgoing/Retiring/Deceased Member of Hamilton City Council, be approved.

5. Term Limits for Citizen Appointees – City of Hamilton’s Advisory Committees (CL17005) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.3)

That Report CL17005, respecting Term Limits for Citizen Appointees – City of Hamilton’s Advisory Committees, be received.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
STANDING COMMITTEE:**

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

The May 30, 2017 Agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee was approved.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) February 6, 2017 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee, were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Cameron Kroetsch, respecting City of Hamilton By-law 14-300, to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council (for a future meeting) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Cameron Kroetsch, respecting City of Hamilton By-law 14-300, to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, was approved for a future meeting.

- (ii) Craig Burley, respecting Council and Committee meeting procedures (for a future meeting) (Item 4.2)**

The delegation request from Craig Burley, respecting Council and Committee meeting procedures, was approved for a future meeting.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (i) 2018 Council / Committee Calendar (Item 8.1)**

Staff were directed to limit the scheduling of meetings, other than Budget meetings, during the week of March 4, 2018.

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 3.

- (ii) Civic Rings for Members of City Council (CL17004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 4.

Councillor Green was recorded as being OPPOSED to this item.

- (iii) Term Limits for Citizen Appointees – City of Hamilton’s Advisory Committees (CL17005) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.3)**

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 5.

Councillor Green was recorded as being OPPOSED to this item.

- (iv) Correspondence from George Rust-D’Eye, Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar to the City of Hamilton, respecting the Code of Conduct for Members of Council – Proposed Amendment (*referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee by Council on February 22, 2017*) (Item 8.4)**

The correspondence from George Rust-D’Eye, Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar to the City of Hamilton, respecting the Code of Conduct for Members of Council – Proposed Amendment, was deferred to a future Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting in order to have the Integrity Commissioner present to provide further details.

(f) MOTIONS (ITEM 9)

(i) Queen's Park Transit Liaison Committee (*referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee by Council on April 26, 2017*) (Item 9.1)

The motion respecting the Queen's Park Transit Liaison Committee was tabled to the next Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting.

(g) NOTICE OF MOTIONS (ITEM 10)

(i) Election of a Speaker and Deputy Speaker to preside over Hamilton City Council and all General Interest Committees (Added Item 10.1)

Councillor Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, The Speaker of Toronto City Council and Deputy Speaker of Toronto City Council serve as the presiding officers at meetings of Toronto City Council in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, as of December 1, 2006;

WHEREAS, The two positions were recommended by the Council appointed a three-member volunteer advisory panel and their report "The City We Want – the Government We Need" in 2005;

WHEREAS, The two positions are chosen by ballot by city council from among their members. The mayor retains his or her right to chair city council meetings and can take the chair at any time. In the absence of the speaker or deputy speaker, the deputy mayor can also preside over a meeting of city council; and

WHEREAS, The speaker and deputy speaker are elected for a four-year term and can only be removed by a two-thirds vote of city council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be directed to report back by Q4 of 2017 with the feasibility of the City of Hamilton under the *Ontario Municipal Act* to enact the role of a Speaker and Deputy Speaker, including but not limited to, the governance model used by the City of Toronto under its 'The City We Want – the Government We Need' in order to be implemented in the 2018 term of Council.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There there being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

Kirsten Stevenson
Legislative Coordinator