

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## M O T I O N

Governance Review Sub-Committee Date: January 31, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **ELECTION OF A SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER TO PRESIDE OVER HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL AND ALL GENERAL INTEREST COMMITTEES**

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 three-member volunteer advisory panel in 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 - 2022 term of Council.