



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 19-016

9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 9, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 19-016 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties (Item 11.2)

That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to draft a letter, for the Mayor's signature, to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting the government amend legislation to require rental property owners to provide tenant information, for election purposes only, to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

2. Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario (CL19009) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report CL19009, respecting the Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario, be received.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the September 9, 2019 Special General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor M. Pearson declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as she is a rental property owner.

Councillor S. Merulla declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as he is a rental property owner.

Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as she is a rental property owner.

(c) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

Communication Items 5.1(a) to 5.1(ss) and 5.2(a), listed as follows, were received:

(i) Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ontario Municipalities in response to Council's Resolution of December 18, 2018 regarding Maintaining the Voters' List for Municipal Elections (Item 5.1)

- (a) The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- (b) City of Vaughan
- (c) County of Huron
- (d) Township of Strong
- (e) Municipality of Killarney

- (f) Township of Front of Young
- (g) Township of Baldwin
- (h) Municipality of Central Elgin
- (i) Municipality of Tweed
- (j) Township of Puslinch
- (k) City of Thorold
- (l) Municipality of Grey Highlands
- (m) Township of North Frontenac
- (n) City of St. Catharines
- (o) Municipality of West Perth
- (p) Township of Black River
- (q) Township of Alberton
- (r) City of Quinte West
- (s) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Policy Branch
- (t) Township of Enniskillen
- (u) Township of Opasatika
- (v) Township of Scugog
- (w) Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
- (x) Town of Pelham
- (y) Township of Minden Hills
- (z) Town of Thessalon
- (aa) City of Welland
- (bb) Township of Dubreuilville

- (cc) Municipality of Temagami
- (dd) City of Brantford
- (ee) City of Timmins
- (ff) Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- (gg) Town of Collingwood
- (hh) Township of Carling
- (ii) Township of South Frontenac
- (jj) Township of Wellesley
- (kk) Municipality of North Perth
- (ll) Municipality of Greenstone
- (mm) Township of South Algonquin
- (nn) Town of Iroquois Falls
- (oo) City of Guelph
- (pp) Town of Goderich
- (qq) Township of Ramara
- (rr) Township of East Hawkesbury
- (ss) Town of Kearney

(ii) Correspondence from Residents respecting the Voters' List for Municipal Elections (Item 5.2)

- (a) Beverley Dworzak (Received and referred to GIC by Council at its meeting of January 23, 2019)

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario (CL19009) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Report CL19009, respecting the Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario, was DEFERRED until after the presentation by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

Lou Castellani, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list.

The presentation provided by Lou Castellani, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 1 and (f)(i).

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Recommendations to Ensure Tenants Living in Rental Properties are included on the Municipal Elections Voters' List (Item 11.1)

The City Clerk was directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations from the Multi-Stakeholder Elections Working Group with respect to ensuring that tenants living in rental properties are included on the municipal elections voters' list.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk

T. Whitehead, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee