



Hamilton

GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES 20-001

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

1:00 pm

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), M. Pearson, B. Clark, and L. Ferguson

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead (Chair) – Personal, A. VanderBeek – City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE AUDIT, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Civil Marriage Solemnization (CL19012(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton provide Civil Marriage Solemnization services as of April 6, 2020, using current resources;
- (b) That the Proposed 2020 User Fees and Charges respecting Civil Marriage Ceremony services attached as Appendix 'C' to Report CL19012(a), be approved, and included in Schedule 'A' of the By-law to Establish Certain 2020 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property;
- (c) That a By-law to Authorize Civil Marriage Solemnization Services and To Delegate the Authority to Solemnize Marriages in the City of Hamilton attached as Appendix 'A' to Report CL19012(a), which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council; and
- (d) That staff report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee within a one year period to provide an update on Civil Marriage Solemnization services.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

2. Appointment of the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar (FCS20016) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Clark/Pearson)

- (a) That Principles Integrity be appointed as the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar for the City of Hamilton for the remainder of the current council term with an option to renew for an additional term of council and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and
- (b) That the City Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws for Council approval for the appointment of Principles Integrity as the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar; and
- (c) That the costs associated with the Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar be funded through IC-Lobbyist Registrar (Account Number 300400).

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

3. Recording of In Camera Sessions (Referred from the January 22, 2020 Meeting of Council) (Item 11.2)

(Clark/Pearson)

WHEREAS the Ontario Ombudsman recommends that all municipalities make audio recordings or video recordings of all meetings – both open and closed – to ensure a thorough record;

WHEREAS there are now 23 Ontario municipalities that have implemented either audio or audiovisual recordings of their closed meetings;

WHEREAS an audio or audiovisual recording of in-camera meetings provides a clear and accessible record for closed meeting investigators to review;

WHEREAS such recordings of closed meetings will assist the municipality in quickly demonstrating that Council and staff did not stray from the legislated requirements during closed meetings; and,

WHEREAS such recordings of closed meetings will provide a complete record to be used by the municipality and/or Councillors for future references as needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be directed to report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee within 90 days on the costs and policies to implement an audio recording system to be utilized for the recording of in-camera meetings; and the ways and means for the City Clerk to archive and protect such records.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the February 12, 2020 Agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) November 26, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Clark/Pearson)

That the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Tim Simmons, Heritage Weddings & Coordinators, respecting Report CL19012(a) - Civil Marriage Solemnization (For today's meeting) (Item 6.1)**

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the delegation request from Tim Simmons, Heritage Weddings & Coordinators, respecting Report CL19012(a) - Civil Marriage Solemnization, be approved for today's meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) Tim Simmons, Heritage Weddings & Coordinators, respecting Report CL19012(a) - Civil Marriage Solemnization (Added Item 8.1)**

Tim Simmons, Heritage Weddings & Coordinators, addressed the Committee respecting Report CL19012(a) - Civil Marriage Solemnization.

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the delegation from Tim Simmons, respecting Report CL19012(a) - Civil Marriage Solemnization, be received.

CARRIED

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

- (i) Verbal Updates at Council and Committee Meetings (Referred from the November 27 & 28, 2019 Meeting of Council) (Item 11.1)**

Councillor Wilson relinquished the Chair to introduce the following motion:

(Wilson/Clark)

WHEREAS Council has no record of the content of a verbal update;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to discontinue the practice of providing verbal updates without an accompanying summary document which outlines the points covered.

(Pearson/Clark)

That Item 11.1, being a Motion respecting Verbal Updates at Council and Committee Meetings, be referred to the City Clerk for further review with Senior Leadership Team to provide a report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee on the potential options on providing a summary for time sensitive In-Camera items prior to the meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Chair Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Councillor Wilson assumed the Chair.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Wilson, Vice-Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk