



Hamilton

**GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 21-005**

**Friday, July 14, 2021**

**1:30 pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

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

**Absent:** Councillors M. Pearson – City Business, T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

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**THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. 2022 Municipal Election: Voting Methods and Tabulating By-law (FCS21073) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**
  - (a) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix “A” to Governance Review Sub-Committee Report 21-005, to permit the continued use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in municipal elections, and to permit the use of a special vote by mail as an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved;
  - (b) That a one-time increase of \$125,000 to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve, to support a special vote-by-mail initiative for the 2022 municipal election; and,
  - (c) That the annual contribution to the Election Expense Reserve (112206) be increased by \$31,250 to cover the increased costs to deliver a special vote-by-mail for future municipal elections, be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

The July 14, 2021 Agenda of the Governance Review Sub-Committee was approved, as presented.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)**

**(i) June 25, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the June 25, 2021 meeting of the Governance Review Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)**

The following amendment to the Governance Review Sub-Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

**(a) Item Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:**

2022 Municipal Elections: Alternative Voting Options (FCS20081)  
(City Wide) (Item 9.7)

Added: At GIC on December 9, 2020 - Item 9.7

Removed: At Governance Review on July 14, 2021 - Item 10.1

OBL Item: 20-G

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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