



Hamilton

REPORT 12-001
GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
Monday February 6, 2012
3:30 p.m.
Room 193, (1st Floor)
Hamilton City Hall

- Present:** Councillor R. Powers, Chair
 Councillors R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, T. Whitehead
- Absent:** B. Clark – Personal Business
- Also Present:** R. Caterini, City Clerk
 M. Gallagher, Deputy Clerk
 T. Fallis, Manager of Elections and Print & Mail
 L. Pasternak, Senior Solicitor
 R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
 T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
 T. Tollis, City Treasurer
 B. Wheaton, Financial Coordinator
 C. Newman, Legislative Coordinator

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Ward Budgets (Item 4.1)

That the following recommendations be forwarded to the General Issues Committee 2012 operating budget process for further deliberations:

- (a) That all Ward Councillor's office budget be increased by \$2600 to assist with administration coverage from sick leave and vacation;
- (b) That all Ward Councillor's office budget be increased by \$6000 per ward to provide for 2 seasonal information mailings;
- (c) That the annual "Inner City Fund" remain at the current level of funding;

- (d) That the annual “Geographic Factor” be increased to \$2500;
- (e) That a new “Population Factor” of \$.50 for each of the first 15,000 thence \$.75 for each of the remaining population in each ward as outlined in Appendix “A” to Governance Review Report 12-001.

2. Ward Boundary Review – (CL11004(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 4.2)

That Report CL11004(a) respecting Ward Boundary Review, be forwarded to the General Issues Committee for further deliberations.

3. Reinstatement of the French Advisory Committee – Correspondence from the ACFO (Item 4.3)

That the correspondence from the ACFO respecting the reinstatement of the French Advisory Committee, be received.

4. Review of the City’s Procedural By-law – Standing Committee Mandates as it relates to recent department reporting structure changes (City Wide) (CL12001) (Item 4.4)

- (a) That the Culture Division cease reporting to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, and report to the General Issues Committee for a one year trial period commencing in March 2012;
- (b) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee continue to report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee;
- (c) That the Arts Advisory Committee report to the General Issues Committee;
- (d) That the Hamilton Historical Board report to the Planning Committee;
- (e) That staff be directed to report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee prior to the end of the one year term with results of the one year trial.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (i) November 7, 2011**

The minutes of the November 7, 2011 Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting, were approved.

(b) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Ward Budgets (Item 4.1)

The Committee discussed possible changes to the formula used to devise Councillors ward budgets. Discussion on the matter surrounded the need for equity among all Councillors, and the need for further assistance for Councillors with wards with large population numbers. There was also conversation respecting the history of the “Inner City Fund” and the rationale behind the fund.

On a motion staff were directed to investigate the history and qualifications for both the “Inner City Fund” and the “Geographic Factor”, and report back to Governance Review Sub-Committee.

(ii) Ward Boundary Review – (CL11004(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 4.2)

Tony Fallis introduced the matter, and described the ward boundary review process and time lines. The Committee discussed the steps and timelines associated with a ward boundary review as well as the legislative implications.

(iii) Review of the City’s Procedural By-law – Standing Committee Mandates as it relates to recent department reporting structure changes (City Wide) (CL12001) (Item 4.4)

The Committee discussed the proposed change in the reporting structure.

(iv) Opening Prayer at Meetings of City Council (City Wide) (CL12002) (Item 4.5)

Staff indicated that the City does not have a protocol in place for dealing with request from citizens. Committee indicated that staff should liaise with other City departments and Council members to begin work on developing a protocol.

On a motion staff was directed to develop a protocol respecting the opening prayer at meetings of City Council and report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee.

(c) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

The Governance Review Sub-Committee meeting, adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Governance Review Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
February 6, 2012

Adopt a new 'Population Factor' of either Option #1: \$.50 for each of the first 15K thence \$.75 for each of the remaining population in each Ward

OR

Option #2: \$.50 for each of the first 15K thence \$1 for each of the remaining population in each Ward (utilize the most current Census data for the calculation).

Ward	Population	Current Factor	Option #1	Option#2
Ward 1	32,864	\$16,432	\$20,898.00	\$25,364
Ward 2	41,290	\$20,645	\$27,217.50	\$33,790
Ward 3	43,594	\$21,797	\$28,945.50	\$36,094
Ward 4	38,924	\$19,462	\$25,443.00	\$31,424
Ward 5	42,758	\$21,379	\$28,319.00	\$35,258
Ward 6	44,410	\$22,205	\$29,557.50	\$36,910
Ward 7	63,790	\$31,895	\$44,092.50	\$56,290
Ward 8	52,876	\$26,438	\$35,907.00	\$45,376
Ward 9	28,968	\$14,484	\$17,976.00	\$21,468
Ward 10	27,356	\$13,678	\$16,767.00	\$19,856
Ward 11	28,214	\$14,107	\$17,410.50	\$20,714
Ward 12	33,904	\$16,952	\$21,678.00	\$26,404
Ward 13	26,990	\$13,495	\$16,492.50	\$19,490
Ward 14	17,300	\$8,650	\$9,225.00	\$9,800
Ward 15	27,948	\$13,974	\$17,211.00	\$20,448
		\$275,594	\$357,141 (+\$81,547)	\$438,688 (+\$163,094)