



MINUTES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 – 1:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

Members Present: Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Chair)
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3 (Arrived at 1:06 pm)
Councillor Bonnie Crombie, Ward 5
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11
Mayor Hazel McCallion (Ex-officio) (Arrived at 1:08 pm)

Members Absent: Nil

Staff Present: Janice Baker, City Manager
Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Law, Deputy City Solicitor
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications
Finola Pearson, Senior Advisor, Media Relations
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER – 1:03 PM**DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Crombie)

DEPUTATIONS - Nil**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD – Nil**

(Persons who wish to address the Governance Committee about a matter on the Agenda.)

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2013

Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on November 13, 2013.

Approved (Councillor Saito)

2. Elected Officials' Expenses Policy Revision (04-05-04)

Corporate Report dated December 1, 2013 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the Elected Officials' Expenses Policy Revision.

Councillor Saito spoke to the report and noted that the new wording would address the changes needed for facility rentals and donations to local chapters. In response to a question from Councillor Saito, Janice Baker, City Manager explained that the City cannot claim the taxes from donations and that the tax receipts are collected for accounting purposes. Councillor Saito further spoke to donations through Canada Helps and itemizing each donation.

Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer explained that there is a separate section in the Policy that clarifies what is a donation, tickets to golf tournaments and charity, and community events.

Councillor Crombie spoke to auction items and noted that it should be a personal expense and the importance of handing in tax receipts.

Mayor McCallion and Councillor Crombie spoke to the expenses of MPs and MPPs. Ms. Baker advised that some MP expenses are voluntarily available online and noted that staff could look into it.

Councillor Fonseca arrived during discussion of Item 2 at 1:06 pm.

Mayor McCallion arrived during discussion of Item 2 at 1:08 pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft Corporate Policy – Elected Officials’ Expenses Policy (#04-05-04) as outlined in the report dated December 1, 2013, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be approved.
2. That the email dated December 9, 2013 from Dorothy Tomiuk, Secretary/Spokesperson, MIRANET regarding the proposed changes to the Councillors’ Expense Policy be received for information.

Approved (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation GOV-0039-2013

3. Audit Committee Composition

Corporate Report dated November 21, 2013 from Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the composition of the Audit Committee.

Mayor McCallion spoke to the matter and noted that discussion at Audit Committee is beneficial for all Members of Council.

Crystal Greer, City Clerk explained that if the composition was changed to include all members of Council it would be considered a Committee of the Whole. Discussion ensued with respect to a suitable meeting time and it was suggested that the report be referred to Council for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Report dated November 21, 2013 from Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the composition of the Audit Committee be referred to Council without a recommendation.

Referred (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation GOV-0040-2013

4. 2014 Governance Committee Meeting Dates

Memorandum dated December 4, 2013 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2014 Governance Committee meeting dates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated December 4, 2013 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2014 Governance Committee meeting dates be received.

Received (Councillor Crombie)
Recommendation GOV-0041-2013

5. Governance Committee Outstanding Items List

List of outstanding items that were directed to staff by the Governance Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the listing of outstanding items presented at the December 9, 2013 meeting that were directed to staff by the Governance Committee, be received.

Received (Councillor Saito)
Recommendation GOV-0042-2013

OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT 1:19 PM