



# MINUTES

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## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
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**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 – 1:08 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

**300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1**

Members Present:

Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3  
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11

Members Absent:

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Chair) (Regional Business)  
Councillor Bonnie Crombie, Ward 5  
Mayor Hazel McCallion (Ex-officio)

Staff/

Integrity Commissioner

Present:

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO  
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor  
Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner  
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications  
Catherine Monast, Team Leader, Media External  
Communications  
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk  
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy  
Clerk  
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator



**CALL TO ORDER** - 1:08 P.M.

**DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST** - Nil

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

**DEPUTATIONS** - Nil

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

**MATTERS CONSIDERED**

1. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2013

Minutes of the Governance Committee meetings held on March 18, 2013.

Approved (Councillor Fonseca)

2. Request for Inquiry from Gail Reeves Reid

Integrity Commissioner's Report with respect to a request from Gail Reeves Reid for an inquiry.

Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner spoke to the report and noted that he came to the conclusion that councillors' newsletters and websites are not the place to promote businesses.

Councillor Saito noted that sometimes councillors may report in their newsletter or website on visiting a business and asked for clarification, as the recommendation refers to reporting on the opening of a new business. Mr. Swayze advised that there would be no issue reporting on attending a business event.

Councillor Fonseca noted that she has attended economic roundtable meetings with different businesses and enquired if it would be permissible to tweet that the meeting was attended with the name of the businesses. Mr. Swayze noted that the issue is choosing one business over another. He noted that there is nothing wrong with reporting on attending with another business, providing you are not favouring or appearing to endorse the business over another business.

Councillor Carlson spoke to the matter and noted that the issue is advertising other businesses. Mr. Swayze noted the importance of supporting businesses.

Councillor Saito enquired on behalf of Councillor Crombie about businesses sponsoring councillors' newsletters. Mr. Swayze noted that newsletters are publicly funded by the City and was unsure why a business would need to provide support for the newsletter. Councillor Saito noted that she would suggest to Councillor Crombie to speak with Mr. Swayze about the matter.

Councillor Saito enquired on behalf of Councillor Crombie if it is permissible for councillors to request businesses to buy tickets and support the Mississauga Steelheads. Mr. Swayze noted that the recommendation only relates to newsletters and websites. He further noted that it is not an issue because councillors are promoting a team in the City.

Mr. Swayze spoke to Councillor McFadden including businesses in Ward 10 in her resident's guide. He further noted that the matter becomes complicated for a councillor to list businesses. He suggested that councillors could use a web link to a business directory.

Councillor Carlson enquired if the same rules would apply to a councillor maintaining a private separate website. Mr. Swayze advised that it would not apply to the website; however it would apply to the Councillor's activity on the website.

Councillor Saito suggested that the recommendation be amended to include councillors visiting a company or attending a recognition business event. Discussion ensued with respect to amending the recommendation. Councillor Saito noted that the exact wording could go to Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Code of Conduct for the City of Mississauga be amended by adding the following to Rule 5 – Use of City Staff, Property, Services and Other Resources:

5. No member shall include in his or her website, newsletters, E-mails or other printed material, advertising of businesses in the City, including the distribution of gift certificates, free tickets and compiling a list of businesses located in a ward. Attending and reporting the opening of a new business or a business event in the City is permissible and a Member may thank verbally or in a newsletter, a business by name or an employee of that business, which contributes to a City or ward event provided that no such recognition shall constitute an endorsement of the business, and shall not include a description of its product, its address or telephone number.

Amended/Approved (Councillor Fonseca)

Recommendation GOV-0023-2013

3. Review of the Order of Business on General Committee Agendas

Memorandum dated May 9, 2013 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to a request from General Committee to review the order of business on General Committee Agendas.

Councillor Saito noted that under the “Councillor Enquiries” section of the General Committee agenda, there has been time spent on what councillors have done in their ward. The question is whether there should be a change to the order of business and add “Other Business” on the General Committee agenda. There was a general consensus that “Other Business” be added to the General Committee agenda.

Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk enquired if “Other Business” should also be added to the Transportation Committee agenda. Councillor Fonseca noted that General Committee and Council provides two opportunities for councillors to say something. She further noted that Councillor Mullin had mentioned adding good news stories to the agenda. Following discussion by the Committee, it was decided that “Other Business/ Announcements” should be added to the General Committee and Council agendas and include the change in the report for amendments to the Procedural By-law.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the order of business for the General Committee and Council agendas be amended to include "Other Business/Announcements" and that staff include this change to the order of business for the Council agenda with the proposed amendments to the Procedural By-law 421-03 to be reported to General Committee.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)  
Recommendation GOV-0024-2013

**4. Governance Committee Outstanding Items List**

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

Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner advised that he has met with citizen members and intend to meet with the BIAs. He noted that likely it would be recommended that the changes take place during the next term of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the listing of outstanding items presented at the May 13, 2013 meeting that were directed to staff by the Governance Committee, be received.

Received (Councillor Fonseca)  
Recommendation GOV-0025-2013

**OTHER BUSINESS** - Nil

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 1:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** 1:26 P.M.