



# MINUTES

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## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
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**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 – 1:04 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 1:15pm)  
Councillor Bonnie Crombie, Ward 5  
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11  
Mayor Hazel McCallion (Ex-officio) (Arrived at 1:10 pm)

Members Absent: Nil

Staff/Integrity

Commissioner Present: Janice Baker, City Manager  
Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer  
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor  
Wendy Alexander, Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning  
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications  
Finola Pearson, Senior Advisor, Media Relations  
Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner  
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk  
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER** - 1:04 PM**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Crombie)

**DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST** - Nil**DEPUTATIONS** - Nil**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

Dorothy Tomiuk, MIRANET noted concerns regarding the use of social media by members of Council who are registered candidates for the 2014 municipal election. The concerns include: switching social media accounts over to a campaign account, campaign announcements via Ward social media accounts, clarity on the rules in the Code of Conduct about Ward office staff working on election campaigns, campaign oriented emails sent out to a councillor's mailing list and the City Clerk's Office reviewing links provided for posting on the City's Mississauga Votes website.

Councillor Saito spoke to the matter and noted that she agrees that social media accounts for City business should not be used for campaigning and would support adding wording in the Council Code of Conduct if it is not clear. She further noted that the City Clerk provided training to Council support staff with respect to working on election campaigns.

Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner noted that the issue is that City resources should not be used to run a campaign. Social media accounts that were created using City resources should not include election material on it.

Crystal Greer, City Clerk explained that there have been meetings and supplementary information sent to Council support staff to ensure they are aware they should not participate in any activity that is in support of an election campaign at any time using a City resource during business hours. However, they can participate on their own time without the use of City resources.

Mr. Swayze noted that a link from a City resource to a campaign site is not acceptable. He further noted that the mailing list used by a Councillor belongs to the Councillor and sees no issue with it being used on a separate site.

Councillor Carlson spoke to social media accounts created without utilizing City resources. Ms. Greer provided clarification with respect to separate websites where the City is not billed for the creation or maintenance of the site.

Mayor McCallion noted that this matter should be clearly defined to avoid an election issue that could be questioned. Direction was given to the Integrity Commissioner to review the use of social media by declared municipal candidates currently on Council.

#### Recommendation

GOV-0011-2014

That the deputation by Dorothy Tomiuk, MIRANET with respect to concerns regarding the use of social media by declared municipal candidates currently on Council, be received and referred to the Integrity Commissioner.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

Andrew Gassmann, President, Cooksville Munden Park Homeowner's Organization advised Committee that he would be available to answer any questions regarding Item 2.

Mayor McCallion arrived at 1:10 pm.  
Councillor Fonseca arrived at 1:15 pm.

#### **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

1. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2014

Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on March 17, 2014.

Approved (Councillor Crombie)

2. Council Code of Conduct – Rule 7

Email dated March 26, 2014 from Andrew Gassmann, President, Cooksville Munden Park Homeowner's Organization with respect to Rule 7 in the Council Code of Conduct.

Recommendation

GOV-0012-2014

That the email dated March 26, 2014 from Andrew Gassmann, President, Cooksville Munden Park Homeowner's Organization with respect to Rule 7 in the Council Code of Conduct be received.

Received (Councillor Saito)3. Suggestion for Complaint Process to Integrity Commissioner

Emails dated March 19, 2014 and April 7, 2014 from Irene Gabon, resident providing a suggestion that requests to the Integrity Commissioner for assistance be done in writing and be made available to the public.

Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner spoke to the matter and noted that he would not recommend that advice to members of Council be made public in every case. He explained that it may be contrary to the *Municipal Act*, he wants members of Council to feel encouraged to contact him for advice and his obligation is to Council as a whole, and is obligated to bring matters to Council's attention.

Recommendation

GOV-0013-2014

That the emails dated March 19, 2014 and April 7, 2014 from Irene Gabon, resident providing a suggestion that requests to the Integrity Commissioner for assistance be done in writing and be made available to the public, be received.

Received (Councillor Carlson)4. Introduction of Municipal Recall Election Legislation

Letter dated March 10, 2014 from the Town of Aurora with respect to a Council Resolution regarding the implementation of recall legislation for municipally – elected officials. This matter was referred by Council on April 2, 2014 to the Governance Committee as per Resolution 0053-2014.

Councillor Saito asked for clarification on how municipal recall election legislation would work if it was implemented in a municipality. Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor spoke to the matter and noted that the problem with this approach to legislation is what kind of activities should be included. Also to set a reasonable threshold to protect the integrity of the person being challenged may not be achievable due to low voter turnout in municipalities.

Councillor Crombie enquired if similar legislation has been implemented successfully in other places. Ms. Bench noted that she is not aware of other places with similar legislation, and at any time where there is similar authority the threshold is at a high level.

Recommendation

GOV-0014-2014

That the Governance Committee receives for information, the letter dated March 10, 2014 from the Town of Aurora with respect to a Council Resolution regarding the implementation of recall legislation for municipally –elected officials.

Received (Councillor Saito)

5. Discussion Regarding Road Safety Mississauga, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Committee

Councillor Saito, Vice-Chair has requested discussion with respect to an Active Transportation Committee, Road Safety Mississauga and Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee.

Councillor Saito spoke to discussions with the Road Safety Mississauga Advisory Committee and with staff. She suggested staff take a further look at an active transportation advisory committee where Road Safety Mississauga Advisory Committee, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee and Traffic Safety Council could be subcommittees.

Recommendation

GOV-0015-2014

That staff be directed to expand the review of the transportation advisory committee and take a further look at an active transportation advisory committee to include the Road Safety Mississauga, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee and Traffic Safety Council.

Received (Councillor Saito)

**OTHER BUSINESS - Nil**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT** – 1:54 pm