



MINUTES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 – 1:03 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

Members Present: Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras, Ward 2 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (Chair)
Mayor Bonnie Crombie (ex-officio) (Departed at 1:38 pm)

Members Absent: Nil

Staff Present: Janice Baker, City Manager
Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Martin Powell, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Karen Spencer, Advisor
Sonja Banic, Corporate, Communications
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER - 1:03 PM**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Parrish nominated Councillor Saito to be the Chair of the Committee. Councillor Saito accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and the motion to appoint Councillor Saito as Chair of the Governance Committee for a term ending on November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed was voted on and carried.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Parrish nominated Councillor Ras to be the Vice-Chair of the Committee. Councillor Ras accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and the motion to appoint Councillor Ras as Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee for a term ending on November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed was voted on and carried.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Starr)

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil**DEPUTATIONS**

Item 2 Karen Spencer, Advisor

See item 2 for discussion.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD – Nil

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

MATTERS CONSIDERED**2. Transportation Advisory Committees – Further Research**

Corporate Report dated January 20, 2015 from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer with respect to research on transportation advisory committees.

Ms. Spencer explained the research involved with the subject matter including the results of benchmarking with other municipalities and the core functions that exist with other transportation committees. She spoke to a citizen reference panel that could be considered to provide input on large planning initiatives and projects.

Councillor Parrish suggested that transportation issues be combined with the Planning and Development Committee (PDC). Mayor Crombie spoke to her views of a transportation committee that would be educational, provided the opportunity for councillors to brainstorm and invite citizens to be involved. Councillor Starr indicated that he was not sure if transportation should be combined with PDC and that he did not agree with the timeline of waiting until 2016 to implement a citizen reference panel. Councillor Tovey noted the different ideas/approaches for transportation and suggested a forum to get input from the public and a definition of what transportation is. Councillor Ras noted that public engagement may help to define what issues should be discussed and help narrow the focus and the scope. Councillor Saito spoke to the importance of collaboration with the citizens and having the opportunity to be included in the discussions.

Discussion ensued with respect to a public transportation workshop with experts and staff presentations to discuss the transportation needs in the City. It was further noted that people from other municipalities could be invited to discuss what worked for them. The workshop could help to set the vision and mandate to work towards.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report entitled, Transportation Advisory Committees – Further Research, dated January 20, 2015, from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, be received for information.
2. That staff be directed to create a transportation public workshop with experts and staff presentations to discuss the current and future transportation needs with members of Council and the public.

Amended/Approved (Mayor Crombie)
Recommendation GOV-0001-2015

Mayor Crombie departed the meeting at 1:38 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2014

Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on December 15, 2014.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

3. Committee of Adjustment Review – Streaming and Evening Meetings

Corporate Report dated January 16, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer with respect to a review of Committee of Adjustment for streaming and evening meetings.

Councillor Saito advised that Sue Shanly and Mary Simpson on behalf of MIRANET submitted a letter in place of their deputation for the committee's consideration.

Councillor Parrish enquired about multiple deferrals as noted in the MIRANET letter. Dave Martin, Committee of Adjustment Secretary/Treasurer confirmed that most of the deferrals are requested by the applicant. Councillor Parrish indicated that she would support no changes because she did not want the costs for streaming and evening Committee of Adjustment meetings to be added to the fees.

Councillor Tovey enquired about the Committee of Adjustment panels in Ottawa. Mr. Martin explained that the 3 panels cover rural, urban and central downtown core applications. Councillor Tovey noted that he would support video streaming

of the daytime Committee of Adjustment meetings. Councillor Starr spoke to the matter and expressed concern with the costs versus the limited number of people that may watch the proceedings for a specific application online. Councillor Parrish expressed concerns with streaming the meetings online and noted that it may increase the work for the committee and there is not a lot of general interest for it. Councillor Ras noted that more people want to become involved and would support a trial run of video streaming.

Crystal Greer, City Clerk advised that IT staff can measure how many people accessed the live streaming and the archived video. Mr. Martin advised that the cost of \$34, 500 to stream the meetings is a one-time cost to increase the data capacity to store the information.

Direction was given to staff to issue a survey to get participant feedback to find out if people would watch the proceedings online.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Report dated January 16, 2015 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer titled "Committee of Adjustment Review- Streaming and Evening Meetings" be received.

Received (Councillor Parrish)
Recommendation GOV-0002-2015

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter received from Sue Shanly and Mary Simpson, MIRANET on February 2, 2015 regarding Committee of Adjustment processes, be received and that staff be directed to respond to the concerns outlined in the letter.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation GOV-0003-2015

OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

ADJOURNMENT - 1:56 PM