
Governance Committee

Date

2016/04/18

Time

1:02 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Council Chamber,
300 City Centre Drive,
Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present

Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
John Magill	Citizen Member
Sandy Milakovic	Citizen Member

Members Absent

Mayor Bonnie Crombie (Other Municipal Business)

Staff Present

Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Law, Deputy City Solicitor
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications
Carley Smith, Senior Communications Advisor
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 1:02 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Saito advised that Cameron McCuaig has requested to be added as a deputant.

Approved (Councillor Starr)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Nil

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

4.1 Item 6.2 Cameron McCuaig

See Item 6.2 for discussion.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

6. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

6.1. **Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2016**

Minutes of the previous Governance Committee meeting held on February 22, 2016.

John Magill asked for clarification on the statement on page 5 with respect to a lobbyist registry. Councillor Ras explained that she noted the committee should have an update on a lobbyist registry at the Region of Peel.

Amended/Approved (J.Magill)

6.2. **Deputation Process Concern**

Mr. McCuaig expressed concerns about the deputation process, and that the validity of groups and their credentials are not checked prior to a deputation.

Councillor Saito noted that this matter could be discussed at the Governance Workshop on May 24th. She suggested that at Council and Committee meetings the Mayor/Chair at the beginning of each deputation from an organization/group could be asked to verify and publicly mention how they are representing the group.

Councillor Tovey expressed concerns about the validity of some groups and noted that resident associations should register with the City. Crystal Greer, City Clerk and Director, Legislative Services advised that the Community Services Department is conducting a review and has ongoing consultation to review these groups. Direction was given that staff provide an update on this consultation at the next Governance Committee meeting.

Councillor Starr spoke to the matter and referred to the Region of Peel's system of including the deputation form in the meeting's agenda.

Councillor Ras noted that she agreed with Councillor Saito's suggestion. She further noted that the Community Services Department is consulting with affiliated groups and other groups that use City facilities and requirements to have annual general meetings.

John Magill noted that it would be ideal to have groups clarify at the point of application to make a deputation.

Ms. Greer explained that there are issues with deputants not responding back to staff in time. There are also times where a group has felt that they didn't have authority to comment yet on a subject matter. Ms. Greer further noted that this may be an issue with tight turnaround times for agendas.

Councillor Saito reiterated that the matter could be discussed further at the Governance Workshop, but something should be done in the interim.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Cameron McCuaig, resident with respect to the deputation process, be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GOV-0003-2016

RECOMMENDATION

That in the interim the Mayor and Chairs of each committee of Council be requested to ask deputants that are speaking on behalf of any organization to verify that they have permission to speak on behalf of the organization and that Clerk's Office staff be directed to advise deputants when they register that they will be required to confirm authorization by the organization at the meeting.

Approved (S. Milakovic)

Recommendation GOV-0004-2016

6.3. Corporate Policy - Disposition of Items Given to Elected Officials

In response to questions from Councillors Ras and Saito, Susan Burt, Director, Strategic Community Initiatives explained that the report outlines the items of importance to the City, reflects aspects of the City's growth and development. She noted that the policy did not address the storage of items and that staff would have a record of items. She explained that staff would have a record of it to find it if there is a change over. It was suggested that the record should also indicate the location of where the item is stored.

In response to questions from Councillor Starr, Mr. Burt advised that she did not come across other municipalities that have a similar policy. She explained the Conflict of Interest Policy and gifts received as it relates to staff. Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer noted that staff are discouraged to accept gifts; freebies etc. and explained that gift baskets cannot be taken home; it would have to be shared with staff. He further noted that most of the awards received by staff are corporate awards and would be displayed.

Councillor Starr and John Magill referred to page 3 of the draft policy and expressed concerns with the wording in the 4th paragraph.

Councillor Saito commented that what is missing from the draft policy is when an item is received, where should it be displayed. Also if there is an item of significance, knowing what to do with it would be helpful.

Sandy Milakovic noted that she agreed with the draft policy as it is about preserving the history of the City.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft Corporate Policy and Procedure – Disposition of Items Given to Elected Officials, be approved.
2. That the Governance Committee endorses amendments to the Council Code of Conduct, Rule 2 Gifts and Benefits, subsection 1b) and 2c) and the addition of 2d) as outlined in the report dated March 21, 2016 from the City Manager, entitled Corporate Policy – Disposition of Items Given to Elected Officials.

Approved (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation GOV-0005-2016

6.4. Changes to the Municipal Elections Act

Ms. Greer advised that most of the changes to the legislation included necessary clarification for things that were left for interpretation. The legislation allows ranked choice balloting, but subject to the release of the regulations. Council may pass a by-law for ranked choice balloting when the regulation is passed. There will also be a period for public consultation. Ms. Greer further advised that existing equipment cannot accommodate ranked choice balloting; however there is the potential to rent equipment from the vendor to accommodate this. Staff are continuing to explore this matter and will report back once the regulation is released.

Councillor Parrish enquired about going back to using paper ballots for the municipal election. Ms. Greer advised that the City could use paper ballots if Council directed it. Councillor Parrish noted that at some point she would like to discuss shortening or removing the time period for election lawn signs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the news release dated April 4, 2016, entitled "Ontario to Introduce Ranked Ballot Option for Municipal Elections" and the verbal update by Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk regarding this matter, be received.

Received (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation GOV-0006-2016

6.5. List of outstanding items on the Governance Committee Workplan

Councillors Saito and Ras and John Magill spoke to the workplan and it was noted that the workplan should be discussed at the next meeting following the Governance Workshop.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee Workplan dated April 18, 2016, be received.

Received (Councillor Starr)

Recommendation GOV-0007-2016

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Parrish spoke to the feasibility of appointing additional citizen members on the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) and looking at citizen members on other advisory committees. She noted that TIAC needs people that are not connected to the industry.

Direction was given to staff to report back to General Committee on expanding the membership on TIAC.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 2:03PM