
Governance Committee

Date

2016/06/20

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 Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5 (Arrived at 1:06 pm)
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6 (Arrived at 1:06 pm)
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Ex-officio)
John Magill	Citizen Member
Sandy Milakovic	Citizen Member

Members Absent

Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
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Staff Present

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications
Carley Smith, Senior Communications Advisor
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 1:03 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (Mayor Crombie)

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

4.1. **Chris Mackie, Cranberry Cove Port Credit Ratepayers' Association with respect to Section 29, Committee of Adjustment Procedure By-law 350-07.**

Mr. Mackie requested that Committee review section 29 of the Committee of Adjustment Procedure By-law. He explained that the Secretary/Treasurer for the Committee of Adjustment should have the authority to issue a notice to homeowners within 60 metres when an application is withdrawn. Currently, only the Committee of Adjustment can accept a withdrawal. He further noted that Section 29 doesn't give consideration to any of the residents that received the original notice for the application.

David Martin, Secretary/Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment noted that the By-law mirrors the *Planning Act* and the *Act* does not call for a notice for withdrawals. However, on the City's website it is noted when a specific application is withdrawn after the Committee has approved the withdrawal.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor advised that to add a notice of withdrawal would be an administrative change and there is nothing prohibiting the change.

Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk noted that the timing between a notice of withdrawal needs to be taken into consideration if one is received late.

RECOMMENDATION

That Legal Services staff be directed to report back to Council on a suitable solution for the Committee of Adjustment Procedure By-law 350-07 to include public notice when applications are withdrawn as outlined in Mr. Chris Mackie's deputation on behalf of Cranberry Cove Port Credit Ratepayers' Association to Governance Committee on June 20, 2016.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GOV-0008-2016

Councillors Parrish and Starr arrived during the deputation at 1:06 pm.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit
(Persons who wish to address the Governance Committee about a matter on the Agenda.)

Chris Mackie, resident enquired if Public Question Period could be extended to General and Audit Committees.

Councillor Saito noted that the matter was discussed at the Governance off-site workshop to extend it to the other committees. Councillor Parrish and Mayor Crombie noted that it should be on the agenda for all committees.

RECOMMENDATION

That Public Question Period be included on all agendas for Standing and Advisory Committees of Council.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)
Recommendation GOV-0009-2016

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

- 6.1. Approval of the Minutes - April 18, 2016

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

- 6.2. Potential enhancements for the 2018 Municipal Election: Internet Voting, Ranked Choice Elections and Vote Anywhere.

Brian Bonner, Election Officer and Laura Wilson, Election Officer spoke to the potential enhancements such as internet voting, ranked choice ballots and vote anywhere.

Members of Committee spoke to the matter and made the following comments:

- Concerns that internet voting does not increase the youth vote. That internet voting could increase the convenience for voters. Further concerns with the possibility of fraud.
- Support for vote anywhere and it has the least costs.
- It would be good to wait for the Province to use ranked ballots in the next provincial elections and allow people to understand it better.

In response to a question from Councillor Parrish, Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk explained that it is important to maintain the integrity of the election and that the change is implemented adequately and successfully. Therefore, staff could implement vote anywhere for advance polls because it was already done as a pilot in culmination with one other significant change. Ms. Greer spoke further to the timing involved with announcing the winning candidates with ranked ballots.

Direction was given for staff to repeat the presentation to the next General Committee meeting.

In response to a question from Councillor Parrish with respect to election lawn signs, Ms. Bench explained that the test put down by the Supreme Court allows a municipality to regulate election lawn signs, but can't prohibit them. The qualification is that it has to be reasonable.

Councillor Parrish and Mayor Crombie spoke to election lawn signs and reviewing the matter. Direction was given to staff to review what other municipalities are doing to regulate election lawn signs and report back to the Governance Committee.

In response to a question from Councillor Parrish with respect to election contribution limits and the effects of inflation, Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer noted that staff would look into it and get back to Councillor Parrish. Mayor Crombie noted that there should be an increase in the donation limit for mayoral candidates and further noted that union or corporation donations are now prohibited due to Provincial legislation.

Discussion ensued with respect to a rebate program for election campaign donations. Ms. Greer noted that a report would come back to the next Governance Committee on the rebate program.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Ms. Bench explained that there are penalties for a candidate that does not file their election campaign financials.

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Ms. Greer explained the calculation of eligible electors as provided by MPAC for the maximum expenditures.

Sandy Milakovic and John Magill indicated that they agreed with the motion with respect to the election enhancements.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Corporate Report dated June 7, 2016 from the Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk, outlining the potential enhancements for the 2018 Municipal Election be received for information.
2. That staff be directed to implement Vote Anywhere for the 2018 Municipal Election on Election Day and Advance Poll Days and that the City of Mississauga will wait for the Province to test the ranked ballot option before it is implemented for a municipal election.

Approved (Mayor Crombie)
Recommendation GOV-0010-2016

RECOMMENDATION

That the Province be requested to review under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 the following:

- a) Increase campaign donation limits for candidates running for the offices of mayor or councillor based on the rate of inflation.
- b) Provide other tools for campaign fundraising, for example the length of time for fundraising.

Approved (Mayor Crombie)

Recommendation GOV-0011-2016

6.3. Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) Citizen Member Appointments

*General Committee referred this report to the Governance Committee at its meeting on June 15, 2016.

Mayor Crombie spoke to the matter and noted that TIAC should have members that do not have a vested interest in the industry. Councillor Parrish noted that it is challenging to get members that are totally detached from the industry. She suggested that in the 2018-2022 term that membership could be offered to people who are not chosen for other committees, as it may help to get unbiased citizen members.

Councillor Starr expressed concern with adding additional members in the middle of the term. The best time to make changes to a committee would be for the new term when all the committees are reviewed. Councillor Tovey noted that he agreed that all of the committees be reviewed for the next term.

Mr. Magill spoke to the matter of stakeholder engagement and looking at it from a principle basis instead of a vested interest basis.

Councillor Parrish noted that the six (6) citizens on TIAC may need to be renamed in the Committee's Terms of Reference because they are involved in the towing industry and should be looked at when reviewing the committees. Councillor Tovey suggested that for the committee review there should be benchmarking with other cities.

Mayor Crombie noted the importance of retaining the categories of citizen, stakeholder and industry appointees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the review of membership on the Towing Industry Advisory Committee be dealt with along with all of the committee membership reviews in the 1st quarter of 2018 by the Governance Committee.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

Recommendation GOV-0012-2016

6.4. Status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items

Councillor Tovey enquired about the expansion of the streaming to other committees. Ms. Greer explained that there would be a report back to Governance Committee in September 2016 regarding this matter.

Received (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation GOV-0013-2016

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT - 2:39 PM