
Governance Committee

Date

2016/09/19

Time

1:01 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 Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Sandy Milakovic	Citizen member
Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Ex-officio) (Arrived at 1:11 pm)

Members Absent

Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
John Magill	Citizen member

Staff Present

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Law, Deputy City Solicitor
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Diana Rusnov, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:01 PM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Ras)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

4. DEPUTATIONS – Nil

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 about the change that was requested for the Committee of Adjustment Procedure By-law with respect to providing a notice for application withdrawals. Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk advised that as a result of a staff report, Council adopted a Resolution to amend the Committee of Adjustment Procedure By-law to allow for a notice of withdrawal.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1. Approval of the Minutes - June 20, 2016

Sandy Milakovic suggested clarification on the wording with respect to internet voting in Item 6.2. Councillor Saito suggested that the first bullet point in Item 6.2 be changed to: "Concerns that internet voting does not increase the youth vote. That internet voting could increase the convenience for voters."

Amended/Approved (S. Milakovic)

6.2. Video Streaming and On-demand Videos for Additional Committee meetings

Councillor Tovey spoke in support of video streaming and on-demand videos for Audit and Governance Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Corporate Report dated August 8, 2016 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer titled. "Video streaming and On-demand videos for Additional Committee meetings" be received.
2. That staff be directed to implement video streaming and on-demand videos for the Audit and Governance Committees as a one year pilot project.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation GOV-0014-2016

Councillor Saito referred to a request to the Province to review the *Municipal Act* to permit members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to use the telephone or skype if they couldn't attend a meeting. Direction was given to staff to look into the request to the Province to see if there was a response from the Minister.

6.3. Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program for the 2018 Election

Members of Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following concerns:

- The cost of the program would come from the tax base.
- Suggestion that the contribution limits be increased.
- An election campaign contribution rebate program may allow people to have more participation in the democratic process.
- The program in other municipalities has not seen an increase in voter turnout.
- Suggestion that Council approach the Province and Federal governments and engage AMO because municipalities have reduced opportunities to fundraise for campaigns.
- Surrounding municipalities offer an election campaign rebate program and there may be an expectation that Mississauga also offer a similar program.

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk highlighted some of the amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* such as the nomination period, restriction on campaign donations from corporations and unions, ability for ranked choice ballots. Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO advised that staff would prepare a report back on the amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act*.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer dated August 30, 2016 be received for information.
2. That staff be directed to prepare a motion for Council's consideration for the Mayor to forward a letter to the Federal government to request an amendment to the Federal Income Tax Act for election campaign donations.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation GOV-0015-2016

6.4. Governance Committee Good Governance Strategic Sessions

Councillors Saito and Ras spoke to the success of the Committee's Good Governance Strategic Sessions.

Councillor Saito noted that she would be organizing a cooking session with Councillor Mahoney for all Members of Council at the Eden Food for Change. This would be a Part 3 of the strategic sessions and as a team building opportunity to prepare food and package it for clients.

Received (Councillor Ras)
Recommendation GOV-0016-2016

6.5. Governance Challenge Part 2 "From Retreats to Action"

Sandy Milakovic spoke to her presentation on the Governance Challenge Part 2 and suggested that a working group be created with staff's support. The working group could review: Terms of Reference for Governance Committee, suggest additions to the work plan, define what good governance principles are, develop an action/implementation plan for all June 20th governance action items.

Councillor Starr noted that all members of Council should be invited to the meetings. Councillor Saito noted that the meetings will be posted on the Council and Committee Calendar as well all members of Council are invited to participate.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That a working group of the Governance Committee be created to work on the items outlined in the presentation by Sandy Milakovic, citizen member to the Governance Committee at the September 19, 2016 meeting.
2. That Sandy Milakovic, John Magill, Councillors Saito, Ras and Tovey be appointed to the working group.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation GOV-0017-2016

6.6. Status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services advised that the Community Services Department staff would be reviewing affiliated status for resident associations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items presented at the September 19, 2016 meeting be received.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation GOV-0018-2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Community Services staff be directed to report back to the Governance Committee on Community Group Support.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation GOV-0019-2016

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Tovey noted that the comments from Planning staff are not included with Committee of Adjustment applications. Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk advised that staff could review the process to include posting the comments. Direction was given to staff to review the best way to post comments from Planning staff with respect to Committee of Adjustment applications.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 1:44 PM