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## **Governance Committee**

### **Date**

2016/11/14

### **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 Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Sandy Milakovic	Citizen member
John Magill	Citizen member
Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Ex-officio)

### **Members Absent**

Councillor Carolyn Parrish    Ward 5

### **Staff Present**

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer  
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer  
Mary Ellen Bench, 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** – 1:02 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Ras)

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS**

4.1. **Item 6.2 Sacha Smith, Team Lead-Legislative Coordinator**

Sacha Smith, Team Lead-Legislative Coordinator spoke to the feasibility of implementing consent agendas at Council and General Committee. She noted the benefits of implementation and how it could work in Mississauga.

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

- Support to have consent agendas at General Committee and Council.
- It may not be necessary in Mississauga as the agendas do not have as many items compared to other municipalities or boards. Also, Councillors may want to comment on items that are ward related.
- Consent agendas usually leave lots of time for discussion on items of greater significance. Experience with consent agendas at board meetings is that it works quite well.
- Leads to more efficient meetings and it is important that it is communicated well to the public as to what a consent agenda is.
- Not sure it is necessary to implement consent agendas, but perhaps review the agenda structure.
- Once recorded voting is implemented it will add more time to the agenda, a consent agenda would help with spending more time on items.
- Consent agendas could be implemented on a 6 month trial basis.

Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk advised that the matter of consent agendas was raised back in December 1993 and noted the concerns that were expressed. She further noted that with consent agendas there would be an added efficiency for when recorded voting is implemented.

Received (Councillor Ras)

Recommendation GOV-0020-2016

4.2. Item 6.3 Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk

Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Procedure By-law which include the following: recorded voting, Planning and Development Committee Chair and housekeeping amendments.

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

- Concern that ward specific questions cannot be asked during Councillors' Enquiries as there are some instances where ward specific issues affect other wards.
- Some members of Council have raised the issue that some ward specific matters are not appropriate for Councillor Enquiries.
- Staff should review the wording with respect to ward specific matters during Councillor Enquiries. Staff to survey members of Council on what they feel Councillors' Enquiries should include. Include options of wording such as City interest, ward interests that haven't been resolved etc.
- Discussion regarding a procedural by-law subcommittee. It was noted that Councillor Parrish expressed interest to sit on a procedure by-law subcommittee if one is created. Committee agreed that procedure by-law matters could be discussed at the Good Governance Subcommittee meetings and Councillor Parrish could join the subcommittee or the discussion for that subject matter.

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO spoke to the communication protocol established with Council.

Received (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation GOV-0021-2016

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD** - 15 Minute Limit

Chris Mackie, resident expressed concern with the deputation process which now includes submitting a deputation form. Diana Rusnov, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk explained the deputation process and the improvements that have taken place. Councillor Saito explained that as a result of the Council strategic sessions, public deputations were identified. This matter will be discussed at a future Governance Subcommittee meeting and noted that the meetings are open to the public.

6. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

6.1. Approval of the Minutes - September 19, 2016

Approved (Councillor Ras)

6.2. Consent agenda: Proposal to Streamline the Council and General Committee Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report titled "Consent Agenda: Proposal to Streamline the Council and Committee Meeting Process", from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, dated October 3, 2016, be received.
2. That the use of a consent agenda be implemented for Council and General Committee meetings on a 6 month trial basis and that a by-law be enacted to incorporate the necessary amendments to the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2013, as amended.

Approved (Councillor Ras)  
Recommendation GOV-0022-2016

6.3. Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedural By-law (By-law 0139-2013)

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend By-law 0139-2013, being the Corporation of the City of Mississauga Council Procedure By-law as amended, in accordance with the Corporate Report dated October 5, 2016, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer titled "Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2016.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation GOV-0023-2016

6.4. Status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items

Received (Councillor Ras)

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT – 2:03 PM