
Governance Committee

Date

2017/06/05

Time

9:14AM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Ex-officio)
Sandy Milakovic	Citizen member

Members Absent

Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1 (Other Municipal Business)
John Magill	Citizen member
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6

Staff Present

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Ivana Di Millo, Director, Communications
Rob Trewartha, Chief of Staff
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 – 9:14 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Ras)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.1. Item 6.2 Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO and Rob Trewartha, Chief of Staff

Ms. Baker spoke to the industry benchmarking results with respect to government relations staff. She explained that the conclusion of the results were that there isn't a lot of consistency within the sector with respect to government relations.

Mr. Trewartha explained the current practice with the use of staff and the Members of Council with respect to government relations. He further spoke to recommendations to enhance government relations moving forward. Ms. Baker spoke further to the matter and noted that government relations work better when it is closer to the political side of the organization. She suggested that the approach be utilized and revisited for changes in 2019.

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

- The importance of a coordinated voice and approach when representing Members of Council and it should come from the political side.
- It was suggested that there be a repository of all government relations information i.e. legislation changes, upcoming meetings and it would be contingent on the Members of Council to keep themselves updated.
- It was suggested that all Members of Council be copied on MP and MPP briefings.
- Concern was expressed regarding the timing with announcements from upper levels of government and it was noted that announcements should be shared with Members of Council as soon as possible.
- There should be some guidelines for Members of Council that meet with other levels of government regarding matters that are not considered as a priority by Council. It was requested that staff create some wording to address this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0007-2017

That the deputation by Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO and Rob Trewartha, Chief of Staff with respect to government relations, be received.

Received (Councillor Ras)

6.2. Government Relations with the Province and Federal Governments

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0008-2017

That staff prepare a protocol and report back to General Committee and that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee review a draft of the protocol prior to the report to General Committee.

Approved (Councillor Ras)

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit – Nil

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1. Approval of the Minutes - March 6, 2017

Approved (S. Milakovic)

6.3. Re-establishment of the Road Safety Committee

Councillor Saito noted corrections to the draft Road Safety Committee Terms of Reference. Councillor Ras noted that she agreed with the draft terms of reference as amended.

In response to a question regarding a budget for the Transportation handbook Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works advised that there was \$26,000 transferred to Transportation and Works operating budget for promotion of road safety initiatives and it could be used to publish the handbook in 2018.

In response to a question regarding marketing staff for the Road Safety Committee, Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer noted that MiWay Marketing staff would provide assistance; if the need builds for Communications staff then staff would be responsive to that. Councillor Ras noted the importance of having the publication available in other languages and further noted translation services.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0009-2017

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, dated May 16, 2017, titled Re-establishment of the Road Safety Committee be received and that the Committee be established in accordance with the amendments to the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1.

2. That Legislative Services staff initiate the process for appointment of citizen members to the Road Safety Committee.
3. That the Road Safety Committee develop a work plan in accordance with the mandate outlined in the Terms of Reference and that any budget requirements for the Committee be included in the 2019 Budget submission.
4. That should additional staff resources be needed to support the work of the Committee, a separate budget request be made as part of the 2019 Budget submission.

Approved (Councillor Ras)

6.4. Status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items

Received (Mayor Crombie)

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:59AM