

City of Mississauga  
**Minutes**



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## **Governance Committee**

### **Date**

2019/11/04

### **Time**

1:04 PM

### **Location**

Civic Centre, Committee Room D – Second Floor  
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

### **Members Present**

Pat Saito, Councillor - Ward 9 (Chair)  
Karen Ras, Councillor - Ward 2  
Carolyn Parrish, Councillor - Ward 5  
George Carlson, Councillor – Ward 11  
Bonnie Crombie, Mayor (Ex-Officio)  
Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)  
John Magill, Citizen Member

### **Members Absent**

Karen Ras, Councillor - Ward 2 (Other Municipal Business)

### **Staff Present**

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer  
Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer  
Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor, Legal Services  
Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk  
Sacha Smith, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk  
Krystal Christopher, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Concillor Saito called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (J. Magill)

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS** – Nil.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 MINUTE LIMIT (5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

Chris Mackie, MIRANET, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Council Procedure By-Law (Item 6.5.) and when the report became available to the public. Mr. Mackie spoke to the proposed amendments to the Public Question Period, the Consent Agenda and the streamlining of committee processes.

In response, Councillor Saito spoke to Mr. Mackie's comments noting that she will be seeking a deferral of the report so it can be further reviewed.

Mayor Crombie raised a question regarding the proposed order of Agenda items and why the Public Question Period is proposed before the Consent Agenda.

Diana Rusnov, Director or Legislative Services and City Clerk, spoke to the intent of the proposed changes to the Council Procedure By-law noting that having the Public Question Period before the Consent Agenda will alleviate staff waiting for their matter to be addressed if there are no concerns.

Councillor Carlson spoke to readdressing matters after it has been voted on so members of the public could speak to the matter.

6. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

6.1. **Approval of the Previous Minutes – June 25, 2019**

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

## 6.2. Council Strategic Direction Setting

Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair), spoke to the Council Strategic Direction Setting Report and whether there was any feedback or suggestions received by Members of Council.

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the immediate feedback received from Members of Council following the Strategic Direction Setting and that a formal evaluation can be done if requested.

Councill Saito requested that the report be forwarded to all Members of Council asking for feedback to be provided to the Clerk.

### RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0008-2019

That the report dated September 4, 2019, from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer: Council Strategic Direction Setting Workshop Debrief, be received and referred to staff to obtain feedback from Members of Council and report back to Governance Committee.

Approved (S. Milakovic)

## 6.3. Council Code of Conduct Review

Members of Council engaged in a discussion regarding the changes to the Council Code of Conduct and raised questions regarding the handling of cash, accepting gifts and the provisions in the definition of Family.

Mayor Crombie spoke to her staff attending events on her behalf and whether it is a breach of City Policy.

Councillor Parrish raised questions regarding the investigation of complaints under the Council Code of Conduct, missing information when complaints are filed and Mississauga City Council's participation at the Region of Peel Council.

Jeffrey Abrams, Co-Principal/Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity, and Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, provided clarification on the provisions of City Staff and Councillors accepting gifts. Ms. Baker spoke to Councillor's office staff following the City Policy, reporting gifts received and attending events in a Professional capacity. Mr. Abrams and Janice Atwood-Petkovski, Co-Principal/Integrity Commissioner, Principles of Integrity, spoke to the admissibility of evidence when investigating complaints, the Council Code of

Conduct as it relates to Members of Council in upper-tier and lower-tier government and the participation of City Council at the Region of Peel.

Members of Council spoke to the following changes to address: the receipt of gifts; investigation of complaints; two-tier government as it relates to the participation of Members of Council at the Region of Peel Council; and publishing of newsletters on a Municipal Election Year.

#### RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0009-2019

That the Council Code of Conduct Discussion Draft be received and referred back to the Integrity Commissioner to implement the changes and report back to General Committee on December 4, 2019.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

#### 6.4. Status of Governance Committee Workplan Items

Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair), spoke to the Workplan Item list and requested that milestones be set for item #25 as there are many item listed in that section. Ms. Milakovic and John Magill volunteered to work with staff to set milestones for this item.

John Magill, Citizen Member, spoke to the ranked ballot option listed in Item #7 on the Workplan Item list and when the City was going to implement it.

Mayor Crombie spoke to electronic voting, rank ballot options and feedback received from the Municipal Election.

Councillor Saito spoke to the location of the polling stations at the Federal Election, the candidate municipal election survey results and discussing these items at the next Governance Committee meeting in January.

#### RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0010-2019

That Governance Work Plan Items be received and that item #25 entitled, "Governance Subcommittee – Municipal Governance Leadership Challenge", be amended to establish milestones.

6.5. Proposed Amendments to the Procedure By-law 139-13

Committee members agreed to defer this matter to a later date so the report can be reviewed further.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0011-2019

That the report dated October 28, 2019 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer: Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedure By-law (By-law193-13), be deferred.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

7. INFORMATION ITEMS – Nil.8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Saito spoke to Mississauga City Council receiving a proxy vote at Region of Peel Council and providing a motion at the next City Council and Regional Council meetings in support.

Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor, spoke to the enhanced voting module which will not come into effect until the next municipal election and the Province's ability to make the change sooner.

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion regarding electronic participation at Committee Meetings and spoke to accessibility for members which will allow those to participate

Direction was given to staff to draft a motion to adopt at the next City Council meeting to bring to the Region of Peel Council regarding proxy voting.

9. ADJOURNMENT - 2:28 PM (Councillor Parrish)