



MINUTES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
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MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 – 1:02 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

Members Present:

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Chair)
Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11

Members Absent:

Councillor Bonnie Crombie, Ward 5

Staff Present:

Janice Baker, City Manager and CAO
Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor
Catherine Monast, Team Leader, Media External
Communications
Karen Spencer, Advisor
Crystal Greer, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER - 1:02 PM**DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST** – Nil**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councillor Chris Fonseca moved approval of the agenda as presented. This motion was voted on and carried.

Approved (Councillor C. Fonseca)

DEPUTATIONS

Ursula Keuper-Bennett, resident with respect to the Code of Conduct and the mandate of the Integrity Commissioner.

Ms. Keuper-Bennett made a DVD presentation providing comments on the mandate and role of the Integrity Commissioner. She noted that complaints against City staff should be investigated by the Integrity Commissioner. She requested that the Governance Committee consider expanding the mandate of the Integrity Commissioner to include complaints against City staff.

Councillor Pat Saito clarified that complaints made about a Member of Council would not be referred by the Integrity Commissioner to the Human Resources Division for an investigation. She noted that it is anticipated that an Integrity Commissioner would be hired by the end of June 2012 and the Governance Committee would work with them on the revisions to the Council Code of Conduct. She further spoke to the matter of the Integrity Commissioner not reviewing complaints against City staff.

Councillors Chris Fonseca and Jim Tovey spoke to the matter and noted that there would be a close look at reviewing the Council Code of Conduct.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

(Persons who wish to address the Governance Committee about a matter on the Agenda.)

Dorothy Tomiuk on behalf of MIRANET noted support to share costs with the Region of Peel for an Integrity Commissioner and expressed concern with professional or service club memberships from the Councillors' budget. She further noted that there should be a review of Council budgets based on the demands for each ward. She enquired when the Council Committee Structure Survey would be available for public input.

MATTERS CONSIDERED:1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on February 27, 2012.

Approved (Councillor P. Saito)

2. Appointment of Integrity Commissioner - Update

Corporate Report dated April 10, 2012 from the City Solicitor providing an update on the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner.

Councillor Saito enquired if the comments and concerns expressed at the February 27, 2012 were incorporated in the RFP for the Integrity Commissioner. Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor advised that the disbursements that were not appropriate were removed, block fees for certain services were included and a request that the retainer include advice on matters under 30 minutes research.

Councillor Saito enquired if the role of the Integrity Commissioner could be expanded beyond what is included in the RFP. Ms. Bench advised that it would have to be negotiated.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled "Appointment of Integrity Commissioner – Update" dated April 10, 2012 from the City Solicitor be received for information.

Received (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation GOV-0011-2012

3. Amendment to the Municipal Elections Act

Memorandum dated April 11, 2012 from the Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk with respect to Resolution 0291-2011 that was repealed by Council on February 22, 2012.

Crystal Greer, City Clerk explained that there were concerns expressed by Council that the resolution did not deal with school trustees or a costly by-election.

Councillor Chris Fonseca suggested that "or school board trustees" be added after "municipal councillors" in the resolution. She further suggested that in paragraph 4 that "and if elected the municipality is then faced with the prospect of an expensive by election" be removed from the resolution.

Councillor Pat Saito supported Councillor Fonseca's suggestions and spoke to the matter.

Councillor George Carlson suggested that where a Councillor forfeits their seat to run for provincial or federal office, that their severance package be used towards the cost of a by-election. Janice Baker, City Manager advised that staff could bring a report back to the Governance Committee on what the amendments regarding the severance package would look like, for the Committee's consideration.

Direction

4. Correspondence

Letter from Grant Isaac, resident with respect to the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner. This letter was attached to an email received by the Mayor's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter from Grant Isaac, resident with respect to the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner on the April 16, 2012 Governance Committee agenda be received for information.

Received (Councillor P. Saito)
Recommendation GOV-0012-2012

OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 1:56 P.M.