

REPORT 2 - 2021

To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee presents its second report for 2021 and recommends:

GOV-0004-2021

That the Corporate Report from the City Solicitor dated February 18, 2021, entitled “Options for Closed Meeting Investigation Services” be received and referred to staff to report back on Ontario Ombudsman options prior to the 2022 renewal.

(GOV-0004-2021)

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1. That the Governance Subcommittee discussed election related matters be disbanded effective immediately.
2. That staff be requested to update the report entitled “Ward Boundary Review – Preliminary Boundary Scenarios” dated January 14th, 2020 when the results of the 2021 census become available and bring it forward for consideration by the Governance Committee immediately following the 2022 election.
3. That any work undertaken by a new Subcommittee with respect to changes to ward boundaries should build upon the staff reports on the subject.
4. That the Governance Committee should add an item to its current workplan calling for the identification of any and all election and voting related issues and opportunities, including those which flow from potential new citizen attitudes and preferences following the COVID-19 pandemic, and any issues that may arise from the 2022 elections be referred to the new subcommittee.

(GOV-0005-2021)

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That the status of the Governance Committee Work Plan items, updated for the March 1, 2021 Governance Committee meeting, be received.

(GOV-0006-2021)

GOV-0007-2021

That the Council Procedure By-Law 0139-2013, as amended, be amended to include reading the agenda item and title for the consent agenda as requested by the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

(GOV-0007-2021)

GOV-0008-2021

That the Memorandum dated February 24, 2021 from Sacha Smith, Manager, Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk entitled “Procedure By-law Review” be received for information.

(GOV-0008-2021)

GOV-0009-2021

That the verbal update from Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk regarding the Public Question Period-request to follow-up question/clarification, be received.
(GOV-0009-2021)