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## Governance Committee

**Date:** November 15, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Online Video Conference

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

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### Staff Present

Paul Mitcham, City Manager  
Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor  
Shari Lichterman, Commissioner, Corporate Services & CFO  
Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services & City Clerk  
Sacha Smith, Manager, Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk  
Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:00PM

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Councillor Saito, Chair recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST-Nil

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved by: (J. Magill)

5.1 DRAFT Governance Committee Minutes - September 27, 2021

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS - Nil

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

No members of the public registered to speak.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

That the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- 10.3 Email dated October 15, 2021 from Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner Regarding Changes to the Council Code of Conduct
- 10.4 Status of the Governance Committee Work Plan

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

10. MATTERS CONSIDERED

10.1 Options for Closed Meeting Investigation Services

Andra Maxwell, City Solicitor spoke to the Options of Closed Meeting Investigation Services.

Members of the Committee spoke in support for utilizing the Ontario Ombudsman for 2022 and the 2022-2026 term of Council

Councillor Saito commented on the Region of Peel's protocol when moving into closed session and inquired if that protects the municipality. Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk responded that it's a good reminder and if warranted will remind Council Members to ensure the proper precautions are taken.

RECOMMENDATION GOV-0021-2021

Moved By Councillor K. Ras

1. That the Corporate Report from the City Solicitor dated October 6, 2021, entitled “Options for Closed Meeting Investigation Services” be received for information.
2. That the City utilize the Ontario Ombudsman as the Closed Meeting Investigator for the 2022 term and 2022-2026 term of Council; and further that this be reviewed before the end of the 2026 term.

Approved

10.2 Vote by Proxy for Council Update

Councillor Parrish spoke to the benchmarking of other municipalities and clarified when the Region of Peel Council utilizes proxy voting.

Members of the Committee spoke to the potential benefits and flexibility of proxy voting and raised concerns regarding restrictions in the *Municipal Act*.

Members of the Committee agreed to defer vote by proxy for Council until the end of March 2022.

RECOMMENDATION GOV-0022-2021

Moved By Councillor C. Parrish

That the Corporate report dated November 5, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer entitled “Proxy Voting at Council – Update”, be deferred until hybrid and online Council and Committee meetings are reviewed in March 2022.

Deferred

10.3 Email dated October 15, 2021 from Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner Regarding Changes to the Council Code of Conduct (CONSENT)

RECOMMENDATION GOV-0024-2021

Moved By Councillor G. Carlson

That the email dated October 15, 2021 from Robert Swayze, Integrity Commissioner regarding Changes to the Council Code of Conduct, be received.

Received

10.4 Status of the Governance Committee Work Plan (CONSENT)

RECOMMENDATION GOV-0025-2021

Moved By Councillor G. Carlson

That the status of the Governance Committee Work Plan items, updated for November 15, 2021 Governance Committee meeting, be received.

Received

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Governance Committee 2022 Meeting Dates

No discussion took place regarding this item.

12. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 31, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT

1:30PM (J. Magill)