

City of Mississauga Minutes



Governance Committee

Date

2020/01/28

Time

1:01 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) (arrived at 1:48PM)
Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
John Magill, Citizen Member

Members Absent - Nil

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**

Councillor Saito called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

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

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Governance Committee Minutes – November 4, 2019

Approved (Councillor Ras)

5. **PRESENTATIONS** – Nil.

6. **DEPUTATIONS** – Nil.

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

Joe Hornick, resident, inquired regarding additional advance polling days for the next municipal election and spoke to the voter turnout.

Councillor Saito spoke to the voter turnout in Ward 9 for the federal election and raised concerns with the amount of polling stations in Ward 9.

In response, Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk, noted that staff will be considering additional advance polling days for the next municipal election.

8. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

8.1. **Ranked Ballot Elections – Review of the City of London's Experience**

Committee Members engaged in a discussion regarding the report and spoke to the rank ballot option in London not affecting voter turnout, how the ballot was counted at the London election and challenges with educating the public on how to use voter cards.

Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk, spoke to London's paper ballots being fed through a machine and counted similar to Mississauga.

Councillor Saito spoke to the use of a voter card to mail to residents and raised concerns regarding the size and format of the voter information letter that was used at the last municipal election.

Councillor Ras spoke to the low voter turnout in Mississauga and a further report to be brought back to look at costs associated with the rank ballots.

Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair), inquired regarding the timeline to prepare and change the voting process. In response, Ms. Rusnov, noted the process would be 18 months.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0001-2020

That the report dated January 13, 2020 from the Director, Legislative Services be received and that a further report regarding Ranked Ballot Elections be brought back to General Committee for consideration.

Approved (S. Milakovic)

8.2. 2018 City of Mississauga Municipal Election Information Overview

Councillor Ras spoke to the report and spoke to expanding the vote anywhere options, advance polling days and residents voting outside their wards.

Councillor Parrish raised concerns with the accuracy of the voters list and spoke to sending a letter to the government regarding remuneration.

Councillor Saito spoke to the possibility of going back to the voter's card and raised concerns with the letter that was sent to residents. In response, Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk, spoke to reconsidering the options for voter cards and spoke to the reason information letters were used instead of voter cards.

Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair), spoke to the possibility of using one voters list for provincial and municipal elections.

Committee Members engaged in a discussion regarding polling stations at schools and raised concerns with residents wandering the halls. Members of Council spoke

the school board scheduling a PA Day on the day of the election and sending a letter to the school board.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0002-2020

1. That a follow up letter be sent to the School Boards regarding scheduling a P.A. Day on the same day as the Municipal Election
2. That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reconsider remuneration once every four years for the municipal election.
3. That staff review voter cards and additional advance polling days for municipal elections.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

8.3. City of Mississauga's 2022 Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion regarding the election campaign rebate program and raising the rebate program for contributors to up to \$1000.

Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk, spoke to looking at other options used at different municipalities for the contribution rebate program, the administrative work for the program and how individuals were reimbursed. Ms. Rusnov spoke to the Oakville module used for the election campaign rebate program and seeing whether that module could be applied to Mississauga.

Joe Hornick, resident, spoke in support of increasing the contribution amount for the rebate program.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0003-2020

That staff report back to General Committee on the Municipal Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program using the Oakville model with 50 percent rebate on minimum \$100 contribution, for a maximum contribution between \$1000 to \$2500.

8.4. Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedure By-law 139-13 -(Matter deferred from the November 4, 2019 Governance meeting as per Recommendation GOV-0011-2019)

Councillor Saito spoke the electronic participation for members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Councillor Ras raised a question regarding the start time for Audit Committee. In response, Diana Rusnov, Director, Legislative Services and City Clerk, noted the start time for Audit Committee can be changed to 9:30 AM to align with Council and General Committee start times.

Mayor Crombie spoke to maintaining the current order of the agenda where the Consent Agenda is after Public Question Period.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0004-2020

That the report dated October 28, 2019 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be approved as outlined with the following amendments:

1. That electronic participation be permitted for Accessibility Advisory Committee members to allow voting and to count for quorum.
2. That the current procedure for the Consent Agenda remain the status quo.

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

8.5. Electronic Participation at Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

GOV-0005-2020

That the memorandum dated January 21, 2020 regarding Electronic Participation at Accessibility Advisor Committee meetings be recieved.

8.6. Status of Governance Committee Work Plan Items

Sandy Milakovic, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair), spoke to the Workplan Item list and requested that milestones be set for item #25. Staff were directed to work with Ms. Milakovic and John Magill to establish milestones.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS – Nil.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil.

11. ADJOURNMENT - 2:04 PM (S. Milakovic)