

REPORT 3 - 2020

To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee presents its third report for 2020 and recommends:

GOV-0011-2020

1. That the mandate of the Integrity Commissioner shall be to act as an advisor to members of Council and local boards on matters relating to ethics, their respective codes of conduct and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, to act as an educational resource in this respect, and to independently receive and investigate complaints regarding a possible breach of the code of conduct or *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* by a member of Council or a local board;
2. That the qualifications of an Integrity Commissioner, beyond being independent and impartial, as set out in this report be affirmed;
3. That staff be authorized to issue a request for proposals (RFP) seeking applicants for the position of Integrity Commissioner for a four-year non-renewable term, to carry out this mandate and any additional duties that may be placed upon the Integrity Commissioner by legislation;
4. That the Governance Committee Members be appointed to the evaluation committee responsible for evaluating proposals and making a recommendation to City Council on a new Integrity Commissioner; and
5. That the new Integrity Commissioner be appointed for a four-year non-renewable term commencing July 2021 and ending June 2025.

(GOV-0011-2020)

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That a decision regarding Proxy Voting at Council meetings be deferred and that a report be brought back to the Governance Committee in the fall of 2021 to review both "Electronic Participation" and "Proxy Voting".

(GOV-0012-2020)

GOV-0013-2020

1. That a Subcommittee of the Governance Committee be established to discuss election related matters and that a draft Terms of Reference be prepared for the next Governance Committee meeting.
2. That the Subcommittee initially be comprised of the Chair of the Governance Committee, Councillor Pat Saito, Sandy Milokovic, Citizen Member, John Magill, Citizen Member, Councillor Karen Ras, Councillor Carolyn Parrish and Mayor Bonnie Crombie as ex-officio.

(GOV-0013-2020)

GOV-0014-2020

1. That the provisions under s.42 of the Council Procedural by-law 0129-2013, regarding “Public Question Period” be amended to include the following:
 - a. Limited to 15 minutes maximum at Advisory Committees
 - b. The time period is at the discretion of the Mayor for Council and the Chair of Standing Committees.
 - c. Limit to two (2) questions
 - d. Questions can be submitted in advance to the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
2. That the provisions under s.42 of the Council Procedural by-law 0129-2013, regarding “Public Question Period” be amended to remove the following:
 - a. “persons invited to address Council with a question shall be limited to a preamble to their question of a maximum of two statements sufficient to establish the context for the question”.

(GOV-0014-2020)