

# Agenda

## Governance Working Group

4th Meeting of the Governance Working Group

August 26, 2019, 2:00 PM

Committee Room #4

### Members

Councillors: J. Morgan (Chair), S. Hillier, A. Kayabaga, S. Lewis, P. Squire and M. van Holst, and C. Saunders (Secretary).

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Next Meeting: Monday, September 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Committee Room #4

**3RD REPORT OF THE**  
**GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP**

Meeting held on May 6, 2019, commencing at 2:00 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Morgan (Chair), S. Hillier, S. Lewis, P. Squire, and M. Van Holst, and C. Saunders (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** A. Kayabaga

**ALSO PRESENT:** M. Hayward, A. Anderson, S. Corman, J. Raycroft and B. Westlake-Power.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

1.2 2nd Report of the Governance Working Group

That the 2nd Report of the Governance Working Group from its meeting held on March 25, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

3.1 Debate at Standing Committees – Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedure By-Law

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to make the necessary arrangements to present the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated May 6, 2019 as Appendix “A”, at a Public Participation Meeting before the Corporate Services Committee to amend Council Procedure By-law A-50, as amended, to clarify that Members of Council who are not a member of a standing committee may participate in the debate with respect to a matter before the standing committee.

3.2 Appointment Voting Demonstration and Discussion

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to bring forward to the next meeting of the Governance Working Group (GWG) proposed procedures with respect to the provision of an electronic voting system to consider public appointments to Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions for further consideration that would include the following :

- i) the ability to include brief profiles of the applicants;
- ii) provision of run-off capabilities based on the elimination of the applicant with the lowest vote;
- iii) the capacity to provide for run-offs where multiple applicants are to be appointed;

it being noted that the Governance Working Group (GWG) received a demonstration of the proposed electronic voting system from the Deputy Clerk.

**4. DEFERRED MATTER/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

## **Election of Members to Standing Committees and Various Civic Boards and Commissions Policy DRAFT**

### **General**

The names of candidates who have expressed an interest in filling a position or a vacancy shall be placed on an agenda for consideration and, if required, an election to fill the position(s) or vacancy(ies) shall be held and conducted in accordance with this policy.

Elections for the appointment of members to standing committees of council, various civic boards and commissions shall be created and conducted in eScribe by the City Clerk or designate. The Clerk or designate may modify the slate of nominees in eScribe before the vote is held, if directed. Once the slate is determined, the Clerk or designate shall open the vote to qualified voters.

### **Ballots, Counting the Votes, etc.**

All candidates run against each other in a race for x number of positions to be filled. The x candidates that receive the most votes (who may or may not obtain a majority of available votes) shall be declared the winners and shall be elected.

Elections shall be generated so that a qualified voter may vote for as many candidates for a position as there are members to be elected, but may only vote once for each candidate. Voters may abstain from any or all choices on the ballot.

All ballots and votes will be cast and tabulated electronically in eScribe, and will form a part of the public record.

If after the first round of counting, x candidates do not receive a relative majority of available votes, the candidate with the least amount of votes is eliminated and the vote is held again until each candidate to be elected receives a relative majority of the available votes.

eScribe's election system will automatically establish the winner(s) once a relative majority of available votes is attained. If Committee is not satisfied with the distribution of votes obtained by the winning candidates, Committee may choose to enhance the system's selection of winning candidates by eliminating the candidate with the least amount of votes and voting again on the shortened slate in a new election.

### **Resolution of tie – Winning Candidate**

In the event of a tie between two or more candidates who receive the same number of votes and cannot both or all be declared elected to the position; a run-off election between the tied candidates shall be conducted. The candidate(s) that receive(s) the most votes in the run-off election shall be declared the winning candidate(s) and shall be elected.

In the event of a tie between the same two or more candidates in a run-off election, the tie will be resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the most votes and shall be declared the winning candidate.

The tie is resolved by lot as follows:

The Clerk or designate, shall, in full view of the committee and candidates who are present, write the name of each tied candidate on a similar size paper, fold the papers with each candidates' name in two (2) equal parts and deposit these papers, in full view of all persons present and authorized to attend, in an open-end box.

The Clerk or designate, shall ensure that the contents have been displaced sufficiently, and proceed to draw only one (1) name for the purpose of determining the winning candidate.

### **Resolution of tie – Eliminated Candidate**

In the event of a tie for the eliminated candidate, the tie will be resolved by lot and the candidate chosen by lot is deemed to have the fewest votes and shall be eliminated.

The tie is resolved by lot as follows:

The Clerk or designate, shall, in full view of the committee and candidates who are present, write the name of each tied candidate on a similar size paper, fold the papers with each candidates' name in two (2) equal parts and deposit these papers, in full view of all persons present and authorized to attend, in an open-end box.

The Clerk or designate, shall ensure that the contents have been displaced sufficiently, and proceed to draw only one (1) name for the purpose of determining the eliminated candidate.