

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, 2016
FROM:	CATHARINE SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	DEPUTY MAYORS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to report back at the earliest possible date with the necessary changes to Council policies and procedures to implement the Municipal Council's preferred option with respect to the position of Deputy Mayor.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Item #1 – Committee of the Whole – March 10, 2009
- Item #20 – Board of Control – June 9, 2010
- Item #17 – Board of Control – August 25, 2010
- Item #2 – Finance and Administration Committee – November 16, 2011
- Item #4b)ii) – Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – September 29, 2014
- Item #6 – Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – November 24, 2014
- Item #2 – Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – December 8, 2014

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on July 26, 2016 resolved:

“That consideration of the appointment of a Deputy Mayor selected by the Municipal Council BE DEFERRED in order to permit the Municipal Council to review its governance model to determine the most effective structure to ensure proper continuity with respect to the duties of the head of Council, so that the necessary steps can be taken to implement that model for the next Council year, commencing on December 1, 2016.”

Subsequently, the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on August 30, 2016 introduced and enacted an amendment to the Council Procedure By-law A-50 to permit the Mayor to select an Acting Mayor in the absence/unavailability of the Mayor and Deputy Mayors. That amendment provides for the following:

“In circumstances where an Acting Mayor is required to serve prior to the next regular meeting of Council, the Mayor shall select an Acting Mayor for the time period for which that appointment is required”.

For purposes of additional clarity the Municipal Council may wish to consider further amending section 2.6 to read as follows:

2.6 Absence – Deputy Mayors

In the event that the Deputy Mayors are unable, for any reason, to act in the place and stead of the Mayor, the Council shall appoint an Acting Mayor to act in the place and stead of the Mayor and while so acting, shall have all the rights, powers and authority of the head of Council. In circumstances where an Acting Mayor is required to serve prior to the next regular meeting of Council, the Mayor shall select an Acting Mayor for the time period for which that appointment is required. ***However, if the Mayor is unable, for any reason, to select an Acting Mayor, a special meeting of the Council shall be held at the earliest possible opportunity for the purpose of appointing an Acting Mayor.***

Current Model

At the present time, the Municipal Council has a system in place where there are two Deputy Mayors. One of those Deputy Mayors is selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the Municipal Council, while the other Deputy Mayor is selected and confirmed by the Municipal Council. The two Deputy Mayor positions were put in place upon the recommendation of the Governance Working Group, in order to assist with some of the workload of the Mayor's Office, and to provide greater consistency and certainty in terms of who would fulfill the role of Acting Mayor, should the need arise from time to time.

Given that one of the Deputy Mayor positions is currently vacant, the Municipal Council determined that it wished to review its governance model to determine the most effective structure to ensure proper continuity with respect to the duties of the head of Council.

Options – Deputy Mayor

Assuming there is no desire to amend the provision for the selection of a Deputy Mayor by the Mayor, the Municipal Council has the following primary options available to it with respect to the second Deputy Mayor position:

1. Council can choose to continue with the two Deputy Mayor model and continue with the selection of a second Deputy Mayor by the Municipal Council and confirm that appointment.
2. Council can choose to continue with the two Deputy Mayor model and permit the Mayor to select a second Deputy Mayor, with that selection to be confirmed by the Municipal Council.
3. Council can choose to eliminate the second Deputy Mayor position, in which case the duties currently assigned to that position would have to be appropriately redistributed.

If the Municipal Council continues with a two Deputy Mayor model, the second Deputy Mayor, whether selected by the Municipal Council or the Mayor (in each case being confirmed by the Municipal Council), could simply continue with having the responsibilities previously assigned to the Deputy Mayor selected by the Municipal Council. However, if a decision is made to NOT proceed with the second Deputy Mayor position, then the responsibilities originally assigned to that role would have to be reallocated. The current duties of the Deputy Mayor selected by the Municipal Council are summarized below:

RESPONSIBILITY	DEPUTY MAYOR SELECTED BY COUNCIL
Business continuity (includes various statutory responsibilities of the Mayor, general Mayor's Office oversight, ex officio membership on CWC, CPSC, IEPC and PEC and other bodies not specified, etc.)	Second designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (including Budget Chair) and Committee of the Whole	Second designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.
Corporate Services Committee	Chair
Audit Committee (subject to enhanced mandate to include service reviews oversight to support budget development)	Acting Chair in the absence of the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.
Town and Gown Committee	Member
LDCSB Liaison Committee	Member
TVDSB Liaison Committee	Member
London Convention Centre Corporation	First designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor.
London Economic Development Corporation	Second designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.

Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario	Second designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.
Emergency Operations Control Group	Second designate in the event of the absence or refusal to act by the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor selected by the Mayor.

Upon the Municipal Council providing direction as to how it wishes to proceed, the City Clerk will bring forward any necessary amendments requiring the Municipal Council's approval, in order to implement any changes in advance of the upcoming Council year commencing on December 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHARINE SAUNDERS CITY CLERK