

# Governance Working Group

## Report

1st Meeting of the Governance Working Group  
February 26, 2026

PRESENT: Councillors S. Lewis (Chair), H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: ALSO PRESENT: M. Barnes, J. Paradis, T. Pollitt, M. Schulthess and P. Lupa (Committee Clerk)

Remote Attendance: Councillor S. Lehman; A. Barbon, S. Corman, C. McCreery

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM, it being noted that Councillors H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, and S. Hillier were in remote attendance.

### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That is BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### **ADDITIONAL VOTES:**

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: J. Pribil

That, a change in order of the Governance Working Group Agenda BE APPROVED, to provide for Item 5.1 in Stage 5, Confidential, to be considered after Stage 1, Call to Order.

**Motion Passed**

### 2. Consent Items

None.

### 3. Items for Discussion

#### 3.1 Memo – 2025 Council Resourcing Review Task Force

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the following parts l) and m) from the 2025 Council Resourcing Review Task Force Final Report BE REFERRED to Civic Administration as it relates to the confidential item:

l) and m) of the 2025 Council Resourcing Review Task Force recommendations, relating to the Councillor Office support staff complement, the reduction to Council Member general expense accounts, and the increase to the contract assistant expense allotment, BE REFERRED to a future meeting of the Governance Working Group for consideration with respect to the related to Deferred Items on its agenda;

**Motion Passed**

**4. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

4.1 Deferred Matters List

That it BE NOTED that the Deferred Matters List as appended to the Agenda was received.

**5. Confidential**

5.1 Personal Matters About Identifiable Individual/Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations

Moved by: A. Hopkins  
Seconded by: J. Pribil

That the Governance Working Group convenes In Closed Session to consider the following:

A matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations with respect to the Councillor's Office.

**Motion Passed**

The Governance Working Group convenes In Closed Session from 2:06 PM to 3:54 PM.

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by: A. Hopkins  
Seconded by: S. Franke

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

**Motion Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.