

3RD REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Meeting held on May 25, 2015, commencing at 4:04 PM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor V. Ridley (Chair); Mayor M. Brown; Councillors M. van Holst, B. Armstrong, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, and J. Zaifman; and C. Saunders (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor P. Hubert; J.P. Barber and K. Graham.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 2nd Report of the Governance Working Group

That the 2nd Report of the Governance Working Group, from its meeting held on April 27, 2015, BE RECEIVED for information.

3. Revised Governance Working Group Terms of Reference

That the revised Terms of Reference for the Governance Working Group BE RECEIVED for information.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

4. Council Procedure By-Law No. A-45

That the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to take the following actions with respect to the Council Procedure By-Law No. A-45:

- a) review and report back on how section 21 “Enactment of By-laws” could be amended to provide for the debate of the enactment of by-laws to occur at the same time as the Standing Committee recommendation related to the by-law is being debated or at a subsequent Council meeting, after the Council meeting where the recommendation of the Standing Committee related to the matter has been considered by Council;
- b) bring forward consideration of section 23 “Striking Committee” at a future meeting of the Governance Working Group (GWG) after the GWG has discussed matters related to advisory committees; and,
- c) amend section 24 “Standing Committee – Meetings” to provide for the inclusion of comprehensive procedural rules to be followed at Standing Committee meetings to alleviate the need to cross reference various sections set out in the Council Procedure By-law.

5. Council Policy 5(1) “Appointment of Deputy Mayors”

That the review of Council Policy 5(1) “Appointment of Deputy Mayors” BE REFERRED to the next meeting of the Governance Working Group (GWG) for consideration.

6. Legislative Authority to Discuss Board, Commission and Advisory Committee Appointments in Closed Session

That the review of the legislative authority to discuss board, commission and advisory committee appointments in closed session BE REFERRED to the next meeting of the Governance Working Group (GWG) for consideration.

7. Ranked Voting System for Appointment of Citizens to Boards, Commissions and Advisory Committees

That the review of a ranked voting system for appointments of citizens to boards, commissions and advisory committees BE REFERRED to the next meeting of the Governance Working Group (GWG) for consideration.

8. Implications of Adding Two Additional Meetings in July and August

That the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to take the following actions with respect to the Council Procedure By-Law No. A-45:

- a) amend section 3.2 "Annual Schedule of Meetings – qualifications" by deleting the following words from section 3.2(b) (i): "except during each of the months of July and August in each year where only one Council Meeting will be held per month"; and,
- b) ensure that two weeks in each of the months of July and August are set aside where no Standing Committee or Council Meetings are to be held unless an emergency situation occurs; it being noted that this change would be implemented in 2016.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

None.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The meeting will be held on July 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM, in Committee Room #5.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.