

Bill No. 415
2016

By-law No. A.- _____

A by-law to repeal Council Policy 5(1) entitled "Appointment of Deputy Mayors" and to replace it with a new Council Policy 5(1) entitled "Appointment of Deputy Mayor" to provide for the elimination of the Deputy Mayor position selected by Municipal Council.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 244 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that except as provided in sections 233 and 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, no vote shall be taken by ballot or by any other method of secret voting, and every vote so taken is of no effect;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to repeal Council Policy 5(1) – Appointment of Deputy Mayors and replace it with a new Council Policy 5(1) which no longer includes the position of Deputy Mayor selected by Municipal Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Council Policy 5(1) - Appointment of Deputy Mayors is hereby repealed and replaced with a new Council Policy 5(1) attached hereto as Schedule "A".
2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on November 22, 2016.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – November 22, 2016
Second Reading – November 22, 2016
Third Reading – November 22, 2016

Schedule “A”

5(1) Appointment of Deputy Mayor

A Member of Council shall be appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor to assist the Mayor in carrying out their powers and duties and/or act in the place of the head of council or other member of council designated to preside at meetings in the municipality's procedure by-law when the head of council or designated member is absent or refuses to act or the office is vacant. This shall include general business continuity in the absence of, or refusal to act by, the Mayor; attendance at meetings/events on behalf of the Mayor; participation/representation on civic committees, local boards, commissions or agencies and other related organizations and assistance with the operation and capital budget process through participation on the Audit Committee.

General

- (a) All Ward Councillors shall be eligible to serve as Deputy Mayor.
- (b) The Deputy Mayor shall be selected by the Mayor, confirmed by a majority vote of the Municipal Council and appointed by by-law.
- (c) The Mayor shall be solely responsible for determining which of their powers and duties are to be allocated to the Deputy Mayor and may adjust that allocation from time to time at their discretion.
- (d) There shall be no limit to the number of terms a Member of Council can serve as Deputy Mayor.
- (e) In the event the head of Council's seat become vacant, as defined in section 259 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, that vacancy shall be filled in accordance with section 263 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, with the Deputy Mayor to act in the place of the head of council until such time as the vacant seat is otherwise filled.

Selection of Deputy Mayor Process

- (a) The Mayor's initial selection for Deputy Mayor shall be determined and confirmed at the Inaugural Meeting of Municipal Council, and appointed by by-law.
- (b) The term of the Deputy Mayor shall last no longer than the Council term during which the Deputy Mayor was selected.
- (c) The Mayor may, at their discretion, change their selection for Deputy Mayor throughout the course of his/her term as Mayor, in order to allow the Mayor to effectively draw upon the varied skill sets of Council Members.
- (d) In the event the Mayor exercises their right under (c) above, any subsequent selection for Deputy Mayor shall be confirmed by Council, and appointed by by-law.