

Bill No. 370
2011

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to implement a policy pertaining to the appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council and to various Civic Boards and Commissions.”

WHEREAS the Council Procedure By-law sets out general rules pertaining to the composition of the Standing Committees of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council has determined that it wishes to implement a policy to encourage Council Members to serve on different Standing Committees through the course of their Council term;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council has determined that it wishes to implement a new Standing Committee called the “Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee” by October 3, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to make the initial appointments to the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee effective to November 30, 2012 for the purposes of continuity;

AND WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

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

1. The attached policy entitled “Appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council and to various Civic Boards and Commissions” is hereby approved.
2. By-law No. A.-6573-240 is hereby repealed.
3. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on September 19, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – September 19, 2011
Second Reading – September 19, 2011
Third Reading – September 19, 2011

Appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council and Various Civic Boards and Commissions

General

This policy comes into effect commencing with appointments for the 2011 Council Term.

Council Members shall be appointed to Standing Committees of Council each *Council Year*. (i.e. for a one-year period commencing December 1 until November 30).

Council Members shall make every effort to serve on different Standing Committees throughout the *Council Term*; noting that the Council Procedure By-law provides for the Mayor to be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Council, except for the Finance and Administration Committee where the Mayor shall serve as Chair.

Council Members shall be appointed to civic boards and commissions each *Council Term*, to serve for the *Council Term*, unless the term of office is otherwise specified by legislation specific to the board or commission.

The Committee of the Whole shall nominate the appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council and various civic boards and commission to the Municipal Council.

Appointment of Council Members at the Commencement of a New Council Term

The City Clerk shall convene a meeting of the Committee of the Whole (Council-Elect), in sufficient time for a nomination to be brought forward at the Inaugural Council meeting, with respect to the appointment of Council Members to the Standing Committees of Council and various civic boards and commissions. In advance of the above-noted Committee of the Whole meeting, the City Clerk shall provide incoming Council Members with a communication briefly describing the mandate of each of the committees, boards and commissions to which Council Members are to be appointed, and providing a document on which each Council Member is to indicate their committee, board and commission preference. The latter document shall be returned to the City Clerk, by a specified date, in order to form part of the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Appointment of Council Members to Council Standing Committees After Appointments at the Commencement of a Council Term

The City Clerk shall convene a meeting of the Committee of the Whole in sufficient time for a nomination to be brought forward to the Municipal Council for consideration prior to the commencement of a new Council Year, with respect to the appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council for the upcoming Council Year. The City Clerk shall provide the Council Members with a document on which each Council Member is to indicate their Standing Committee preference. The latter document shall be returned to the City Clerk, by a specified date, in order to form part of the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

In the event a Council Member is no longer able to hold office and another individual is elected in their place during the course of a Council Year, the new Council Member shall assume the membership on the Standing Committee previously held by the Council Member which they are replacing.

Initial Appointment of Council Members to the Newly-Established Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee

The Committee of the Whole shall consider the names of Council Members interested in serving as initial appointees to the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee, being implemented in October 2011, for nomination to the Municipal Council. Taking into consideration the establishment of the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee late in the 2011 Council year, and recognizing the need for continuity as the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee commences its work, the term of the initial appointments to the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee shall be from the date of appointment through to November 30, 2012.

Appointment of Council Members to Civic Boards and Commissions After Appointments at the Commencement of a Council Term

In the event a vacancy on a civic board or commission becomes available during a Council Term, after appointments have been made at the commencement of the Council Term, the City Clerk shall canvass the Council Members to determine which Council Members would be interested in filling the vacancy. The names of the Council Members who have expressed an interest in filling the vacancy shall be placed on an agenda of the Committee of the Whole, at the earliest opportunity, for a nomination to be brought forward to the Municipal Council for consideration.