

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2011
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	ACTING MAYOR APPOINTMENT – REVISED PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the direction of the Municipal Council, the following actions be taken with respect to the process for the appointment of an Acting Mayor:

- (a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix “A”) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of November 21, 2011 to repeal and replace Council Policy 5(1) entitled “Process for the Appointment of an Acting Mayor”, so that all Ward Councillors may serve as Acting Mayor, on a rotating basis, based on ward order, noting that the rotation order would continue from one Council term to the next so as to maximize the opportunity for each ward to have its Ward Councillor serve as Acting Mayor; and
- (b) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix “B”) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of November 21, 2011 to amend By-law No. A-41, being “A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London” to reflect the change in process for the appointment of an Acting Mayor, arising from (a), above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Item #20 – Board of Control – September 16, 2009
- Item #1 – Committee of the Whole – March 10, 2009
- Item #21 – Board of Control – March 3, 2010
- Item #24 – Board of Control – March 24, 2010
- Item #20 – Board of Control – June 9, 2010
- Item #18 – Finance and Administration Committee – July 20, 2011
- Item #14 – Finance and Administration Committee – November 2, 2011

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of November 7, 2011, the Municipal Council resolved:

That the City Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to report back with the necessary by-laws to revise the current process for the appointment of an Acting Mayor so that each Ward Councillor shall have an opportunity to serve as Acting Mayor, should the need arise, on a rotating basis, based upon ward order, noting that the rotation order would continue from one Council term to the next so as to ensure an opportunity for each ward to have its Ward Councillor serve as Acting Mayor.

The attached proposed by-laws implement the necessary changes to effect the above-noted Council direction.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Attachments

APPENDIX "B"

Bill No.
2011

By-law No. A-

A by-law to amend By-law A-41 entitled, "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London"

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend By-law A-41 entitled "A by-law to provide for the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council of The Corporation of the City of London" (the Council Procedure By-law);

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 Council Procedure By-law, being By-law No. A-41, is hereby amended by deleting section 2.5 in its entirety and by replacing it with the following new section 2.5:

"2.5 Absence – Mayor – authority

In the absence of the Mayor, or if he/she refuses to act or if the office is vacant, a Ward Councillor shall serve as Acting Mayor and shall act in the place and stead of the Mayor. Ward Councillors shall serve as Acting Mayor on a rotating basis, in ward order, in accordance with Council Policy 5(1), and shall have all the rights, powers and authority of the head of Council, while so acting."

2. The Council Procedure By-law, being By-law No. 41, is hereby amended by deleting section 2.6 in its entirety and by replacing it with the following new section 2.6:

"2.6 Absence – Acting Mayor – member appointed

In the event that an Acting Mayor is unable, for any reason, to act in the place and stead of the Mayor, the next Ward Councillor in the ward order rotation shall be appointed to act in the place and stead of the Mayor and shall have all the rights, powers and authority of the head of Council, while so acting."

3. This by-law comes into force and effect on December 1, 2011.

PASSED in Open Council on November 21, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – November 21, 2011
Second Reading – November 21, 2011
Third Reading – November 21, 2011