

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS WITH STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCILLOR COMMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
<p>Concern was expressed with members of Advisory Committees attending hearings and public meetings on behalf of an Advisory Committee, without prior approval of the Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>The Council Policies for Advisory Committees 5(16) requires authorization from the Advisory Committee for the Chair or designates to have prior authorization from the Committee. This does not however preclude the Chair or designate to appear at a Standing Committee to answer questions related to the report of the Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>That the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to ensure this requirement is clarified during orientation of advisory committee members.</p>
<p>It is important that all Advisory Committee Members reside in London.</p>	<p>Existing Council Policy requires voting members of Advisory Committees to be residents of London.</p>	<p>No further action recommended.</p>
<p>Terms of Reference should require that a representative of the Advisory Committee be in attendance at the relevant Standing Committee to respond to questions about the Advisory Committee's report.</p>	<p>In consideration of the advisory committee members' time, a practice is currently in place whereby if the report is considered non-controversial and/or self explanatory, a member's presence is not required when the report goes before the standing committee.</p>	<p>No further action recommended.</p>
<p>If an Advisory Committee does not provide any recommendations that will enhance the quality of life of the community, neighbourhoods or individuals within the first three years of a four year Council Term, the value of the Advisory Committee should be evaluated.</p>	<p>It is being suggested, in response to comments from Advisory Committees, that an annual reporting to standing committees occur, which will facilitate communication between the standing committee and advisory committee and allow the Municipal Council to assess the ongoing relevancy of its advisory committees.</p>	<p>See Recommendation #25 related to Advisory Committee comments.</p>
<p>All Advisory Committee Budgets should be justified to ensure that they are for operation and implementation of the Committee's mandate.</p>	<p>Advisory Committee Budgets are reviewed as part of the annual Budget process and there is a policy in place which restricts the use of funds and requires appropriate authorization of expenditures.</p>	<p>No further action recommended.</p>