



The Corporation of the City of Guelph
Governance Committee
Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members: Chair Farbridge, Councillors Dennis (arrived at 3:05 pm), Findlay, Hofland and Piper

Councillors: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations, Transportation & Emergency Services; Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director, Community & Social Services; Ms. T. Agnello, City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (3:00 p.m.)

Chair Farbridge called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the open meeting minutes of the Governance Committee held on February 11, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Findlay, Hofland and Piper (4)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted:

GOV-2013.8 2014 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting
GOV-2013.10 Delegation of Authority for Operational Applications, Contracts and Agreement

Balance of Consent Items

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

That the balance of the Governance Committee July 16, 2013 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

GOV-2013.9 CAO Performance Appraisal Committee Terms of Reference and Process Protocol

1. That the CAO Performance Appraisal Process Terms of Reference and Process Protocol be approved.
2. That the Performance Appraisal Committee be struck as an Ad Hoc Committee of Council to meet in accordance with the Terms of Reference provided as part of the July 16, 2013 report entitled "CAO Performance Appraisal Committee Terms of Reference and Process Protocol.

GOV-2013.11 Outstanding Motions of the Governance Committee

That the report, dated July 16, 2013, regarding outstanding motions of the Governance Committee, be received.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Hofland and Piper (5)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Extracted Items

GOV-2013.8 2014 Municipal Election: Methods of Voting

Mr. Blair Labelle, City Clerk provided a high level summary of the proposed election model for the 2014 municipal election.

Ms. Nicole Goodman, Research Consultant, outlined the key findings of the municipal election survey recently conducted. She outlined the reasons, advantages, and challenges of other municipalities who have used internet voting in their municipal elections.

There was discussion on voter privacy and security and the integrity of the master voters list.

Ms. Janet Doner, Manager Community Engagement & Global Citizenship, Student Life at the University of Guelph, requested that the city ensures students have access to candidates and information for municipal elections. She said access to paper ballot voting hinders young people casting their vote and that addressing these barriers will increase young people's motivation to vote. She supports internet voting and a polling location on campus.

Mr. Tyler Valiquette, Central Students Association Local Affairs Commissioner, University of Guelph, suggested the traditional method of voting is unfriendly to student life and that on line voting would be more accessible. He suggested that a combination of on line and traditional voting day would encourage students to vote.

It was requested that the clauses be voted on separately.

3. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

1. That a By-law be approved to support the use of vote scanners/tabulators in the 2014 Municipal Election.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Hofland and Piper (5)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

4. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

2. That a By-law be approved to support the use of Internet voting in the 2014 Municipal Election as a complementary voting channel for the advance voting period.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Hofland and Piper (3)
VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis and Findlay (2)

CARRIED

GOV-2013.10 Delegation of Authority for Operational Applications, Contracts and Agreements

The Executive Director of Operations, Transit and Emergency Services indicated that the schedule will be corrected to specify that the delegated power apply to works or services that are ordinary to the business of all City service areas

5. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

1. THAT the Report 'Delegation of Authority for Contract and Agreements' dated, July 16, 2013 be received.
2. **That the Delegation of Authority for Operational Applications, Contracts and Agreements Schedule Z be amended under Delegates by deleting the last bullet and replacing it with the following: "A person who is appointed as Acting Executive Director by the CAO or by an Executive Director from time to time to as in their stead."**
3. That Council approve an amendment to the Delegated Authority By-law for approving applications, contracts and agreements under the jurisdiction of the City of Guelph to Chief Administrative Officer and to the positions of Executive Directors of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services, Community and Social Services, Corporate and Human Resources, Finance and Enterprise and Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Hofland and Piper (5)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Adjournment (4:10 p.m.)

6. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Dennis

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Tina Agnello – Deputy Clerk