



BRAMPTON

Minutes

Governance & Council Operations Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Monday, February 5, 2024

Members Present: Regional Councillor P. Vicente (Chair)
Regional Councillor G. Toor (Vice-Chair)
Regional Councillor N. Brar
Regional Councillor R. Santos

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor H. Singh

Other Members Present: City Councillor Power

Staff Present: J. Adshead, Acting City Clerk
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator
S. Akhtar, Acting Commissioner, Legislative Services
L. Robinson, Supervisor, Business Operations and Vital Statistics, Legislative Services
J. Keddy, Manager, Security Services, Public Works and Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. and adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Janice Adshead noted that all Members were present in the meeting, with the exception of Deputy Mayor Singh.

2. Approval of Agenda

GC001-2024

That the agenda for the Governance and Council Operations Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024 be approved, as amended:

To add:

9.2. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Vicente, re. Quorum Rules for Members of Council during Advocacy Meetings

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. Consent

Nil

5. Announcements (2 minutes maximum)

Nil

6. Delegations (5 minutes maximum)

Nil

7. Staff Presentations

Nil

8. Reports

Nil

9. Other Business/New Business

9.1 Verbal Update from Staff re. Council Office Assistant Position

Laurie Robinson, Supervisor, Business Operations and Vital Statistics, Legislative Services, provided a verbal update on the Council Office Assistant position and responded to questions from Committee.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the need for this position, and a suggestion that the current value of the position be redistributed from the City Clerk's Office to the staffing budget line for Council offices equally amongst the members of Council.

The following motion was considered.

GC002-2024

That the verbal update from Staff re. **Council Office Assistant Position**, to the Governance and Council Operations Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024, be received; and

That the designated current value of the position be redistributed from the Clerk's Office to the staffing budget line for Council offices equally amongst the members of Council.

Carried

9.2 Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Vicente, re. Quorum Rules for Members of Council during Advocacy Meetings

Regional Councillor Vicente, Chair, outlined organizational challenges for Council Members and staff during advocacy meetings with MPs and MPPs, as a result of quorum rules.

Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, noted that the perception of potential quorum and the effects could be an issue, acknowledged that advocacy meetings are generally not focused on decision-making, and cautioned Members to ensure that these meetings do not result in decisions that would advance City business.

The following motion was introduced and considered.

GC003-2024

That Members of Council be authorized to attend provincial and federal delegation meetings in numbers that may meet quorum of Council, with the understanding that their conduct in such settings will not advance decision-making of Brampton Council.

Carried

10. Deferred/Referred Matters

Nil

11. Notices of Motion

Nil

12. Correspondence

Nil

13. Councillor Question Period

Nil

14. Public Question Period

Nil

15. Closed Session

Nil

16. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

GC004-2024

That Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

P. Vicente, Chair

G. Toor, Vice-Chair