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Members Present: Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4 (Chair)
Regional Councillor G. Gibson – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor E. Moore – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor J. Sprovieri – Wards 9 and 10
   (Vice-Chair, By-law Enforcement)
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10 (arrived at 3:04 p.m. – personal)

Members Absent: Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6 (illness)
Regional Councillor G. Miles – Wards 7 and 8 (vacation)

Staff Present: M. Ball, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Services Department:
P. Simmons, Chief Corporate Services Officer
R. Zuech, Acting City Solicitor
P. Honeyborne, Executive Director, Finance and Treasurer
P. Fay, City Clerk
E. Evans, Deputy Clerk
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

After due consideration of the matters placed before this Committee, the members beg leave to present its report as follows:

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S. CS089-2015 Adjournment

Regional Councillor M. Medeiros, Chair
A. **Approval of Agenda**

CS085-2015 That the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of June 10, 2015 be approved, as amended to add the following items:

J 2. Discussion at the request of City Councillor Bowman, re: *City Expenditures at Memorial Arena.*

J 3. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Medeiros, re: *Election of City Councillor Dhillon to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors.*

Carried

The following supplementary information was provided with respect to Item J 1 – Review of *Municipal Elections Act* – Ranked Balloting and Other Possible Changes.


B. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

C. **Consent**

The following items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

(nil)

D. **Announcements** – nil

E. **Delegations** – nil

F. **Staff Presentations** – nil

G. **By-law Enforcement** – nil

(Vice-Chair, Regional Councillor J. Sprovieri)
H. Corporate and Financial Affairs
(Vice-Chair, Regional Councillor G. Miles)

H 1. Report from D. Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, Corporate Services, dated April 24, 2015, re: Status of Tax Collection Accounts (File EA.a).

The following motion was considered.

CS086-2015 That the report from D. Sutton, Director, Financial Planning and Budgets, Corporate Services, dated April 24, 2015, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of June 10, 2015, re: Status of Tax Collection Accounts (File EA.a) be received.

Carried

I. Minutes – nil

J. Other/New Business

J 1. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Grant Gibson, Wards 1 and 5, re: Review of Municipal Elections Act – Ranked Balloting and Other Possible Changes.

P. Fay, City Clerk, Corporate Services, advised Committee that the subject discussion pertains to the proposed changes under consideration for the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. Mr. Fay added that various other pieces of legislation that affect municipalities are under review by the Province, including the Municipal Act, 2001, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and the City of Toronto Act, and provided information on the deadline to submit comments. Mr. Fay advised that the deadline for comments relating to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 is July 27, 2015.

W. Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services and Elections, Corporate Services, made a presentation entitled “Municipal Elections Act, 1996 – Review of Act and Proposed Changes”, as follows:

- Items for discussion
- Why is this review happening?
- What is being reviewed?
- Ranked ballots
- How do ranked ballots work? (video shown)
- Sample test ballot
- Benefits of ranked ballots
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- Important considerations for ranked ballots
- Campaign finance
- Third party advertising
- Accessibility
- Enforcement
- What does this mean for the 2018 Municipal Election?
- Next Steps

Ms. Hunter clarified that the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 would provide municipalities with the option to move to ranked ballot voting for future elections. In addition, Ms. Hunter advised that anyone can submit comments on the proposed changes, and Council has the opportunity to submit its position as well.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Election tabulators
  - Staff advised that the current tabulators are reaching the end of their lifecycle and need to be replaced
- Candidate endorsements
- Questions regarding how and when a decision should be made on ranked ballot voting and the need for public consultation prior to making a decision
- Challenges of ranked ballot voting
- Rationale for providing municipalities with the option to move to ranked ballot voting
- The possibility of printing ballots in languages other than English and French
  - Staff explained that the legislation requires ballots to be printed in English and French only. However, options for an overlay in different languages are being reviewed.
- The need to focus on improving the voter turnout rate through voter education and engagement
  - Staff clarified that voter turnout in Brampton has increased since the 2006 Municipal Election
- Suggestions to:
  - impose term limits for Members of Council
  - reduce the “lame duck” period
  - increase enforcement of election signs
  - reduce the length of campaigns
  - increase the fee to file a nomination
  - allow the issuance of tax receipts for campaign donations
  - not permit corporate donations
R. Zuech, Acting City Solicitor, Corporate Services, advised Committee that “lame duck” provisions and the enforcement of signs (sign by-laws) are dealt with under the Municipal Act, 2001, (not the Municipal Elections Act, 1996) and suggested it would be more appropriate to address these issues during the review of this Act.

Mr. Fay advised Committee that the City Clerk’s Office will be providing comments to the Province of Ontario on this matter, which will be independent from Council’s position.

The following motion was considered.

CS087-2015 1. That the presentation by W. Hunter, Manager, Administrative Services and Elections, Corporate Services, to the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of June 10, 2015, re: Municipal Elections Act, 1996 – Review of Act and Proposed Changes, be received; and,

2. That staff be requested to initiate a public communications campaign to invite public input into potential changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; and,

3. That staff be requested to report back to the June 24, 2015 Corporate Services Committee Meeting with commentary on the five areas outlined in the Municipal Elections Act Review Discussion Paper, additional information with respect to the length of campaigns, status of campaign donations (i.e. tax free status), registrations, corporate donations, enforcement and other issues that may arise.

Carried

J 2. Discussion at the request of City Councillor Bowman, re: City Expenditures at Memorial Arena.

City Councillor Bowman requested a staff report that illustrates the chronological expenses to date on the press box removal and replacement at Memorial Arena.

Staff advised that a report on this matter would be more appropriately dealt with by the Community and Public Services Committee.

The following motion was considered.
That staff be directed to prepare a report that illustrates the chronological expenses to date on the press box removal and replacement at Memorial Arena, for consideration at a future Community and Public Services Committee Meeting.

Carried

J 3. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Medeiros, re: Election of City Councillor Dhillon to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors

Mayor Jeffrey and Committee Members congratulated City Councillor Dhillon on his successful election to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors. Mayor Jeffrey highlighted the importance of having a representative on the FCM Board of Directors to address various issues that impact municipalities.

City Councillor Dhillon thanked Members of Council for their support, specifically Regional Councillors Medeiros and Palleschi for assisting him in a successful election. Councillor Dhillon highlighted the benefits of FCM, noting it is a valuable tool to learn from the experiences of other municipalities and to share that information with Council and City staff.

K. Referred Matters – nil

L. Deferred Matters – nil

M. Notices of Motion – nil

N. Correspondence – nil

O. Regional Council Business

Regional Councillor Medeiros advised that on June 11, 2015 the Region of Peel Government Relations Committee and Regional Council are scheduled to meet. D. Reader, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, previously distributed to Committee Members a Briefing Note on items of interest to the City. Councillor Medeiros suggested that questions or comments relating to any items on these agendas be sent via email to Ms. Reader.
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P. Councillors Question Period – nil

Q. Public Question Period – nil

R. Closed Session – nil

S. Adjournment

CS089-2015 That the Corporate Services Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Carried