

Clerical Correction: (Sep 38, 2020) In accordance with Section 2.11 (7) (a) of Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, a clerical correction was made by the City Clerk's Office to correctly identify the results of the recorded vote on Recommendation GC003-2020.

## **Monday, February 3, 2020**

**Members Present:** Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8 (**Chair**)  
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4  
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5  
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10  
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8

**Members Absent:** nil

**Other Members Present:** Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5

**Staff Present:**  
D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer  
A. Meneses, Commissioner of Community Services  
J. Pittari, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
D. Sutton, Treasurer, Corporate Services  
Z. Majid, Senior Manager, Accounting Services, and  
Deputy Treasurer, Corporate Services  
D. Soos, Acting City Solicitor, Corporate Services  
P. Fay, City Clerk, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk, Office of the Chief  
Administrative Officer  
T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

GC001-2020            That the agenda for the Governance and Council Operations Committee Meeting of February 3, 2020 be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

**2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act -nil**

**3. Consent – nil**

**4. Announcements – nil**

**5. Delegations – nil**

**6. Staff Presentations**

**6.1. Staff Presentation re: Council Office Model Implementation Check-in (P 5/2020).**

Peter Fay, City Clerk, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, provided a presentation entitled “Council Office Model Implementation Check-in”.

In response to questions from Committee, staff provided information on the following:

- corporate performance management program as it relates to Council staff
- training opportunities for Council staff
- Council Office accommodations

The following motion was considered.

GC002-2020            That the presentation titled: **Council Office Model Implementation Check-in (P 5/2020)**, to the Governance and Council Operations Committee Meeting of February 3, 2020, be received.

Carried

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**7. Reports**

**7.1. Staff Report re: Revisions to Councillors' Expense Policy – Consulting Services (RM 132/2019).**

A motion was introduced to adopt the recommendations in the staff report as published.

Committee Members expressed varying opinions in support of and opposition to the motion.

Staff responded to questions from Committee regarding the proposed revisions to the Councillors' Expense Policy, policies in other municipalities relating to hiring of consultants by Members of Council, and procedural matters raised during Committee's consideration of the motion.

The motion was considered as follows.

- GC003-2020  
Lost
1. *That the report titled: **Revisions to Councillors' Expense Policy – Consulting Services (RM 132/2019)**, to the Governance and Council Operations Committee Meeting of February 3, 2020, be received; and*
  2. *That the updated Councillors' Expense Policy attached to the subject report, be approved.*

*A recorded vote was requested, and the motion lost, as follows:*

Yea  
Williams

Nay  
Vicente  
Fortini  
Medeiros  
Dhillon

Absent

Lost  
1 Yea  
4 Nays  
0 Absent

A motion was introduced to not allow the hiring of consultants by Members of Council. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

A motion was introduced to refer this matter to staff for clarification on permissible expenses with regard to external service providers, a prohibition on the use of Consultants and a report back to the next Committee meeting, and to maintain the freeze on the use of consultants until Council makes a further decision on this matter.

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The motion was considered as follows.

GC004-2020            That the proposed revisions to the Councillors' Expense Policy – Consulting Services (RM 132/2019) be **referred** to staff for clarification on permissible expenses with regard to external service providers, for a report to the next meeting of the Governance and Council Operations Committee;

That the report back include the prohibition on the use of consultants; and

That the freeze on the use of consultants (Resolution C422-2019) be maintained until Council makes a further decision on the matter.

Carried

**8.        Other Business/New Business**

8.1.       Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Fortini re: **Council Code of Conduct.**

Staff responded to questions from Regional Councillor Fortini with respect to the alignment of Council's Code of Conduct with that of the Region of Peel. It was indicated that Brampton's Council Code is generally in alignment with the Region, that the Code meets all requirements set out by the Province, and that staff would determine the means for which a future review of the Code would be undertaken in consultation with the Integrity Commissioner and Committee.

**9.        Deferred/Referred Matters – nil**

**10.       Notices of Motion – nil**

**11.       Correspondence – nil**

**12.       Councillors Question Period**

Staff responded to questions from Regional Councillor Fortini on the following topics:

- ability of Members of Council to set the date for distribution of their newsletters
- corporate performance management program as it relates to Council staff

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13. **Public Question Period** – nil

14. **Closed Session** – nil

15. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

GC005-2020      That the Governance and Council Operations Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

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**Regional Councillor Fortini, Chair**