



Town of Aurora  
Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee  
Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, May 9, 2017
<b>Time and Location:</b>	10 a.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Anita Moore (Chair), Anna Lozyk Romeo (Vice-Chair), Steve Hinder, Bill Hogg, and Terry Jones
<b>Member(s) Absent:</b>	None
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Councillor Tom Mrakas, Techa van Leeuwen, Director of Corporate Services, and Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Bill Hogg**

**Seconded by Terry Jones**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

**3. Receipt of the Minutes**

**Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017**

**Moved by Steve Hinder**  
**Seconded by Terry Jones**

That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2017, be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

None

#### **5. Matters for Consideration**

The Committee consented to consider Item 2 prior to Item 1.

##### **1. Round Table Discussion** **Re: 2018 Municipal Election**

The Committee discussed Council defeating staff's recommendation regarding an internet only voting model. The Chair agreed to prepare comments on behalf of the Committee to be included as an attachment to the Town Clerk's forthcoming report regarding alternative voting methods, which will be included on the May 16, 2017 General Committee agenda.

**Moved by Terry Jones**  
**Seconded by Anna Lozyk Romeo**

1. That the Round Table Discussion regarding 2018 Municipal Election be received and the comments **from the Chair on behalf of the Committee be included in the Town Clerk's report regarding voting methods.**

**Carried as amended**

##### **2. Report from Dr. Robert J. Williams, Consultant** **Re: Systems of Representation**

The Committee considered a report from Dr. Robert J. Williams regarding a potential review of the Town's electoral system, specifically the merits of the

ward system versus the at-large system. Dr. Williams participated by telephone and answered the questions of the Committee.

**Moved by Steve Hinder**  
**Seconded by Bill Hogg**

1. That the report from Dr. Robert J. Williams regarding Systems of Representation be received; and
2. **That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee recommend to Council:**
  - (a) **That a review of the system of representation used by the Town of Aurora be postponed until the 2018-2022 term of Council due to the time restrictions in place; and**
  - (b) **That, in order to have a productive, Town-wide discussion of a review of the system of representation, this review be initiated early in the next term of Council.**

**Carried as amended**

## **6. Informational Items**

None

## **7. New Business**

The Committee discussed the timelines associated with the issues on which they were asked to provide recommendations to Council. It was noted that the legislated timelines for final decisions on alternative voting methods and systems of representation have meant that the Committee believes it has not had the proper time to review all materials and make the most informed recommendation.

### **New Business Motion No. 1**

**Moved by Steve Hinder**  
**Seconded by Bill Hogg**

1. That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee recommend to Council:

- (a) That, in order to provide enough time to thoroughly complete its mandate, a Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee be established within the first 12 months of the 2018-2022 term of Council.

**Carried**

## **8. Adjournment**

**Moved by Steve Hinder**

**Seconded by Bill Hogg**

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Carried**

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.