



MINUTES
SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE
November 13, 2012
Meeting No. 27

Finance & Administrative Issues

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Community Services Issues

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

Environment & Sustainability Issues

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

Building, Parks, & Construction Issues

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

Alternate formats are available upon request.

Attendance

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor. Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Martha Pettit, Deputy Clerk
Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer
Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk
Teodor Tecsa, Manager Applications & GIS
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Regional Councillor Jim Jones

The General Committee convened at the hour of 1:09 p.m. with Councillor Alex Chiu in the Chair. Councillor Carolina Moretti assumed the Chair at 1:11 p.m. Mayor Frank Scarpitti assumed the Chair at 1:35 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. MARKHAM VOTES 2014
INTERNET VOTING PROGRAM (9.0)**
[Presentation](#)

Stephen Huycke, Acting Deputy Clerk delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Internet Program for the 2014 Municipal Elections.

The Committee discussed the following:

- On-line voting statistics
- The accuracy of the voters list
- Better communication relative to the type of identification required to be added to the voters list
- The potential to expand the on-line voting up to and including voting day
- Need to investigate how to engage new voters
- Telephone versus Internet Voting – same security
- The ability to cast your vote with a smartphone
- City's protocol for individuals that have registered for internet voting and misplaced their password
- Would like to see the statistics of early voting prior to 2003 (prior to Internet Voting) to compare whether the turnout went up or down
- Identification requirements by the City
- Potential to hold Workshops in highschoools relative to Municipal Election
- Possibility to generate reports of on-line voters according to subdivisions
- Importance of voter audit trail for on-line and in person ballots
- Legislation with respect to the availability of the voters list - can the voters list be available sooner?
- Issues in the 2010 Election related to the Optical Scan Vote Tabulators
- Look at entire design to ensure that the ballots are more user friendly (include more between the candidates and using a larger font size)
- Investigate possibility of having the internet voting and registration deadlines consistent
- Investigate potential of the polling stations with higher voter turnout having more than one tabulator machine to avoid long lines

It was suggested that if any Members of Council have ideas for staff to consider regarding the 2014 Municipal Elections to e-mail Stephen Huycke and copy Members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Howard Shore
Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

- 1) That the presentation entitled "Markham Votes 2014- Internet Voting Program" be received; and,
- 2) That Council authorizes the use of Internet Voting for the Early Voting Period for the 2014 Municipal Elections; and,

- 3) That Council authorizes the use of Optical Scan Vote Tabulators and Vote Recorders for the 2014 Municipal Elections; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Special General Committee meeting adjourn at 3:07 p.m.

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