

Monday, March 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM  
Council Chambers

For consideration by Council  
on March 27, 2017

The meeting of the Special Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 in Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Mayor Van Bynen  
Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Vegh  
Councillor Kerwin  
Councillor Twinney  
Councillor Hempen  
Councillor Kwapis  
Councillor Broome  
Councillor Bisanz

Staff Present: R.N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
E. Armchuk, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
I. McDougall, Commissioner of Community Services  
P. Noehammer, Commissioner of Development & Infrastructure Services  
L. Lyons, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk  
S. Niezen, Records and Projects Coordinator  
H. Leznoff, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests: N. Wellsbury, Director of Legislative and Information Services,  
Town of Ajax  
A. Harras, Deputy Clerk, Town of Ajax

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Van Bynen in the Chair.

**Additions and Corrections**

1. The Chief Administrative Officer advised of the additions to the agenda, being the PowerPoint Presentations distributed at the meeting regarding Internet Voting.

Moved by: Councillor Twinney  
Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

THAT the additions be included in the Agenda.

## **Carried**

## **Declarations**

None.

## **Presentation**

2. Ms. Nicole Wellsbury, Director of Legislative and Information Services, Town Clerk addressed the Committee with a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the "Town of Ajax online voting experience." Topics included main motivators for adopting online voting such as accessibility, environmental sustainability and the integrity of the voting process. Ms. Wellsbury also addressed the impact on voter turnout, gave an overview of the Town of Ajax's demographics, the voting location models, authentication process, challenges with the Voter List, the communication plan and approach, recommendations for the 2018 election and an overview of feedback the Town received from their post-election survey (was conducted in conjunction with Dr. Nicole Goodman, Centre for E-Democracy). Members of Council queried Ms. Wellsbury with questions relating to the Ajax model, costs, staffing and the accuracy of the voters list.

Moved by: Councillor Twinney

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

- a) THAT the PowerPoint presentations by Nicole Wellsbury, Director of Legislative and Information Services, Town of Ajax regarding the Town of Ajax online voting experience be received.

## **Carried**

3. The Records and Projects Coordinator addressed the Committee with a PowerPoint Presentation that highlighted the proposed Internet Voting option for the 2018 Municipal Election and provided further information regarding the model, cost breakdown, communication plan and timelines for the decision to use an alternative voting method.

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Councillor Broome

- a) THAT the PowerPoint Presentation by the Records and Projects Coordinator regarding Internet Voting for the 2018 Election be received.

## **Carried**

## Items

3. Corporate Services - Legislative Services Report 2017-04 dated March 2, 2017 regarding Alternative Voting Methods for the 2018 Municipal Election.

Moved by: Councillor Twinney  
Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

a) THAT Corporate Services Report – Legislative Services 2017-04 dated March 2, 2017 regarding Alternative Voting Methods for the 2018 Municipal Election be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

i) THAT Council endorse the use of internet and telephone voting as outlined in Option 1 of this report, for use in the 2018 Municipal Election;

ii) AND THAT a by-law be brought forward for consideration by Council to the March 27, 2017 meeting to authorize the use of these alternative voting methods in the 2018 Municipal Election in accordance with Subsections 42 (1) (a) and (b) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;

iii) AND THAT a third party security audit of the selected internet and telephone voting platform be conducted.

## Carried

## Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Vegh  
Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

THAT the meeting adjourn.

## Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Tony Van Bynen, Mayor

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Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk