

Present: Mayor Mitchell
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Emm
Councillor Gleed
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Roy
Councillor Yamada (arrived at 5:39 p.m.)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Kennedy, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor
D. Speed, Fire Chief
S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk
C. Harris, Town Clerk
G. Giorno, Integrity Commissioner
C. Bantock, Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 Warren Mar, Commissioner of Legal & By-law Services/Town Solicitor
Christopher Harris, Town Clerk
Guy Giorno, Integrity Commissioner
Re: Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act

Warren Mar, Commissioner of Legal & By-law Services/Town Solicitor, Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, and Guy Giorno, Integrity Commissioner, appeared before Council and provided a presentation on Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act. Highlights of the presentation included:

- changes to the Municipal Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act,

and Municipal Elections Act including:

- a new definition of 'meeting';
- appointing alternate for Regional Council Members;
- expanded 'closed meeting' provisions;
- discretionary amendments to allow for electronic participation by Members at a meeting;
- new policies required to be adopted by municipalities;
- the ability to establish community councils;
- Codes of Conduct and appointment of an Integrity Commissioner no longer being discretionary;
- defined roles and responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner;
- information and advice available for provision by the Integrity Commissioner to Members of Council;
- opportunities for advice and education being an eligible expense for Members of Council under the Council Expense Policy
- provisions related to the Integrity Commissioner being in force as of March 1, 2019; and,
- further education being provided on Bill 68 at the Council orientation in 2018.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council, Warren Mar, Christopher Harris, and Guy Giorno regarding:

- Municipal Conflict of Interest penalties being the purview of a superior court judge;
- the complaint application process under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act not yet being detailed in the regulations;
- whether the Town's Council Expense Policy provides the ability for Members to seek advice on the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- the process to bring forward a complaint and the Integrity Commissioner only investigating based on the merits of a complaint;
- The process surrounding Members seeking advice from the Integrity Commissioner;
- the discretionary provision allowing for electronic meeting participation requiring an amendment to the Town's Procedure By-law;
- the revised MCIA process requiring Members to make a declaration of pecuniary interest in writing during a meeting;
- the in-force dates for various provisions in Bill 68; and,
- further education being provided at the next Council orientation with respect to provisions coming in-force in 2019.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Resolution # 467-17

Moved By Councillor Leahy
Seconded By Councillor Emm

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor