

City of Brockville Meeting of Finance & Administration Committee

Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 Council Chambers

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair Councillor L. Journal

Absent:

Councillor J. Earle

Others:

Councillor H. Noble Councillor S. Williams

Staff:

Ms. T. Brons, Administrative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance

Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

(i) 2010-042-03 2010 Municipal Election Alternative Method of Voting

Ms. Seale provided an overview of Report 2010-042-03 recommending the use of internet and telephone voting for the 2010 Municipal Election.

Councillor Journal asked if there have been security issues with electronic voting methods. Ms. Seale noted that the security measures are equivalent to on-line banking security and also noted that John Peters, M.I.S. Supervisor is confident with the methods being proposed.

Councillor Journal asked if this method of voting has been accounted for in the budget. Ms. Seale noted that and estimated cost is included in the budget and that the exact amount will be determined based on the number of electors. The budgeted amount also includes costs for marketing and an education campaign. Councillor Fullarton commented that funds have been set aside each year in the Clerk's Department for Election costs.

Councillor Fullarton questioned if there will be other voting locations set up for voting. Ms. Seale indicated that what is being proposed is to have one voting location set up at City Hall for advance voting and on Voting Day which would offer touch screen voting methods in place of paper ballots.

Councillor Noble commented that he is in support of the recommendation.

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Council approve the use of electronic voting which will include internet and telephone voting for the 2010 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

(ii) 2010-045-03 2009 Council Remuneration and Expenses

Councillor Fullarton noted that she would like to see a procedure in place to monitor and track Council expenditures throughout the year.

Councillor Journal noted that he would not have a problem developing a procedure to monitor big items (such as AMO and other conferences) but does not see the need to monitor small items.

Councillor Fullarton noted that although she agrees with professional development for Councillors, Council should have the same accountability as Department Heads and other Boards with respect to spending.

Councillor Journal and Councillor Fullarton volunteered to work on a procedure if Council wishes.

Ms. Seale was directed to poll other municipalities for other procedures surrounding Council expenditures and will report back to the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Council recieve the Treasurer's Report on 2009 Remuneration and Expenses for members of Council and Board members appointed by the City (Attachment 1 to Report #2010-045-03).

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.