



Council Composition Review Committee Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

1. Council Composition Review Committee Meeting 11-2024

Chair: Cody Fraser

2. Members

Wayne Bahlieda
Riley Burton
Cody Fraser
Heather McLeod

3. Officials

John Collin, City Manager
Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk
Cynthia Olsen, Director – Strategy & Engagement
Stacey Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications & Community Engagement
Susan Henton, Lead Mapping Technician
Crystal DePeuter, Council & Committee Clerk

4. Resource Persons

Tina Larocque, Coordinator - Boards/Committees & Special Projects
Jeff Walters, Communications Officer

5. Guests

Councillor Cathy Downer, City of Guelph
Stephen O'Brien, General Manager of the City Clerk's Office & City Clerk for the City of Guelph

6. Presentation

Meeting was called to order as an information session due to lack of quorum.

City of Guelph Councillor Cathy Downer and General Manager of the City Clerk's Office & City Clerk for the City of Guelph Stephen O'Brien provided an overview of the history of their council composition review process and the 2 Councillor per ward model in practice. The presenters responded to questions from the committee members.

Quorum was met at 5:08 p.m. during the above item.

The committee recessed at 5:44 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

7. Disclosures of Interest

Chair discussed election to Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Clerk advised it would be in the member's best interest to submit a Transparency Disclosure form.

8. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Riley Burton
SECONDED BY: Wayne Bahlheda

WITH RESPECT to the November 20, 2024 meeting of the Council Composition Review Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

9. Deputations - City Council Composition

The Chair provided an overview of the deputation process and called deputations forward in the order they were received.

Correspondence received from Shane Judge, dated October 19, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation relative to City Council Composition.

Shane Judge appeared before the committee to provide a verbal deputation. The deputant provided arguments against a ward system and proposed an alternate model to consider.

Correspondence received from Jason Veltri, dated November 13, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation relative to City Council Composition.

Jason Veltri appeared before the committee to provide a verbal deputation and responded to questions. The deputant provided arguments in favour of an all-ward system as an alternative model to consider.

Correspondence received from Vern Seymour, dated November 14, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation relative to City Council Composition, distributed separately on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Vern Seymour appeared before the committee to provide a verbal deputation and responded to questions. The deputant suggested adjustments to the current proposed models.

Correspondence received from Cory Bagdon, dated November 15, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation relative to City Council Composition, distributed separately on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Cory Bagdon appeared before the committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation updated to reflect changes to formatting with no material change and responded to questions. The deputant provided arguments in favour of an all-ward system and provided an alternate ward boundary map.

11. New Business

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, City Hall.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.