



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2004
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2004 - 11

Members present: Mayor Damian Goulbourne

Councillors:

D. Alexander
D. Beaudoin
P. Chiocchio
M. Dzugan
D. Fortier

P. Grenier
M.A. Grimaldi
J. Larouche
S. O'Dell
B. Sharpe

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Solicitor G. Banks
City Manager T. Fitzpatrick
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services D. Shantz
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer B. Silvestri
Manager, Human Resources R. Beaumont
Recording Secretary, Games Licensing Clerk S. Stirling

Mayor Goulbourne called the General Committee Meeting to order at 9:20 p.m.

1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: NIL

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Councillor Grenier disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 04-45 and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same; and refrained from voting thereon as he is employed by a company that may bid on this matter.



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Councillor Chiocchio disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 04-45 and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same; and refrained from voting thereon as his wife is employed by Young's Insurance Brokers Inc.

Councillor Larouche disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 04-45 and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same; and refrained from voting thereon as he is employed by a company that may bid on this matter.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2004

Moved by Councillor Dzugan that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of October 12th, 2004 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: NIL

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NIL

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Goulbourne chaired this portion of the meeting in the absence of Corporate Services Chair, Councillor M. Belcastro

(A) CORPORATE SERVICES

Clerk's Division

04-45 - Insurance Renewal 2004.

Moved by Councillor Dzugan

That the letter from Young's Insurance Brokers Inc. requesting to provide the City with an alternative insurance proposal be received for information.



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CARRIED

(C) **OPERATIONAL SERVICES** - Councillor M. Dzugan, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

Councillor Dzugan indicated that this matter may require a lengthy discussion and suggested it be deferred to the next General Committee Meeting where there would be more time. Mr. Fitzpatrick requested that Council direct staff on the information they are looking for so a complete report can be submitted for the November 9th General Committee Meeting.

96-58

Snow Removal Committee Oral Report.
(Councillor Dzugan)

Moved by Councillor O'Dell

That the oral Snow Removal Committee Report be referred to the November 9th General Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

02-160 - Council Agenda. Time Allocation for Item 7.3 "Councillor issues discussed with staff and not yet resolved".
(Councillor Grimaldi)

Councillor Grimaldi indicated that she felt it was important to bring unresolved issues up in front of the cameras during Council meetings when the public can view it. Councillor Alexander suggested this item be moved to the beginning of Council Meetings so that they do not run the risk of running out of time and Councillors not being able to communicate community events and concerns to the public. Councillor Beaudoin stressed that this could result in mediocre issues tying up time during Council Meetings and suggested that items that could not be resolved with staff should be brought forward by a Notice of Motion. Councillor Grimaldi stressed that Councillors issues should be on television where the public can see them in order to continue with an open and transparent process when Councillors speak out on their constituents' issues. Councillor Grenier stated his opposition to raising unresolved issues with staff in a public forum. He indicated that it should be clearly defined what items should and should not be brought up in this area of the Council Agenda so it does not become used as a place for grandstanding. Councillor Fortier agreed with Councillor Grenier and suggested using email and other tools to forward messages and responses to staff which can be forwarded to constituents who have concerns. Councillor Sharpe suggested this matter be referred to staff for review and a report be brought back to Council at the next General Committee Meeting. The Mayor agreed that too much time was being spent on other issues and there is no time to get to the unresolved issues. He requested that the City Clerk include in his



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report what items should be brought to General Committee and what items should go to Council such as time sensitive issues. Councillor Alexander also suggested that reviewing the meeting process of Council become an annual practice to try and improve the meeting procedures.

Moved by Councillor Sharpe

That time allocation for Council Agenda Item 7.3 "Councillor issues discussed with staff and not yet resolved" be referred to staff for review and report at the November 9th General Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

The Mayor advised Council that the Museum is applying for a grant tomorrow from the Museum Assistance Program for funds to move from their current location to the Library. He indicated that a letter had been prepared for his signature indicating his support of the Museum going after this funding assistance but that the letter did not state that the Museum was moving to this new location since Council has not yet approved this decision. Councillor Fortier requested a copy and indicated to the Mayor his appreciation for this letter. The Mayor indicated that he would forward a copy of the letter to all members of Council.

9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

Mayor and Council reviewed with staff the status of the outstanding items.

10. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.