



Governance and Priorities Committee



Purpose

To enable members of Council to review upcoming and important issues and opportunities with members of administration and the public, with a focus on understanding the broader policy implications of the items being considered.





GPC Highlights

- Committee includes all members of Council
- Focused discussion on one or two topics per meeting
- Open forum for robust discussion and debate
- Subject matter experts invited to take part in the discussion
- Agenda topics determined by ad hoc agenda planning committee consisting of the Mayor, Acting Mayor, CAO and City Clerk



Agenda Planning





Agendas

Council agendas:

- Items on agenda have required regulatory or legislated rules
 - Bylaws, rezoning, development matters, contracts, etc.
- Only matters currently addressed by City policy are discussed

GPC agendas:

- Agenda not driven by items with existing legislation/regulations
- Only matters which are <u>not</u> already addressed by current City policy are discussed



GPC Agendas

Agenda headings focused around the four strategic plan themes



Resolution/action tracking: a column will be added to reflect strategic plan themes so Council can see how many themes are being dealt with. Ad hoc agendas committee to balance as needed.

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Process

- 1. Council establishes Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC).
- 2. Special COW meetings continue on until the Council Procedure Bylaw is amended and the COW is dissolved.
- 3. Council Procedure Bylaw is amended reflecting change from COW to GPC. Bylaw addresses key date calendar, delegations, etc.
- 4. A Public Engagement Process is created at the same time the Council Procedure Bylaw is being amended.
- 5. Current Committees are on hold. Once Council's Strategic Plan is established and GPC meetings are underway other committees will be formed based on needs, emerging themes, etc.







Desired Outcomes

- GPC is established, terms of reference adopted
- Council Procedure Bylaw amended to eliminate COW meetings, GPC meets bi-weekly in place of COW
- Ad hoc agenda planning committee reviews list of emerging topics and compiles list of agenda topics for discussion
- Committees are struck based on need and in alignment with Council's Strategic Plan



Questions?

