

DATE OF MEETING January 20, 2020

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SUBJECT **GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE FIRST QUARTER PLANNING**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide Council with an introduction and overview of the Governance and Priorities Committee first quarter planning session.

BACKGROUND

At the Regular Council meeting held 2019-MAR-04 a Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) was adopted, along with its Terms of Reference. The mandate of this new Committee was 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.”

The first GPC meeting was held on 2019-MAR-25 and so far 16 meetings have been held on a number of topics ranging from public safety and transportation to public engagement and economic development, among others.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to ensure that GPC meetings and agendas are structured in the most effective way to serve Council, this Special GPC was scheduled to allot time for Council to consider, discuss and identify topics for the first quarter of 2020.

Staff have identified the following areas to aid in the discussion for today’s session:

1. GPC Structure

Is Council satisfied with the current GPC meeting structure, or are there any changes they would like to propose and discuss?

2. GPC Topics

What topics would Council like to see on their GPC agendas for the first quarter of 2020, or to bookmark for future meetings in quarters two through four?

For reference, a copy of the GPC’s Terms of Reference is attached (Attachment A) along with the most recent Agenda Planning document (Attachment B).

CONCLUSION

The 2020-JAN-20 Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting was scheduled to allow Council to have an in-depth discussion on the topics they wish to see discussed during upcoming GPC meetings, as well as to identify any desired changes to the GPC structure.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Governance and Priorities Committee is made up of all members of Council and its first meeting was held on 2019-MAR-25.
- This Special Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is being held to enable an in-depth discussion on the structure and desired topics of future GPC meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Terms of Reference for the Governance and Priorities Committee

ATTACHMENT B: Governance and Priorities Committee Agenda Planning Document |

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