

Priorities Committee Governance Review



Final Recommendations

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The Why

- Strengthen Council's and Councillors' representative role
- Facilitate the role of Council as "Community Leaders"
- Build on the corporate reorganization
- Promote the Priorities Committee as the policy making body of Council
- Ensure meaningful public participation and transparency in Council's decision making processes

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The Process

- Over a period of five weeks (totaling approximately twelve hours)
- Group Review consisting of Councillor Caldarelli (Chair, Priorities Committee), Councillor Kett (former Chair, Priorities Committee), Ghislain Lamothe, Manager of Corporate Communications and French Language Services, Heather Salter, Deputy City Solicitor and Angie Haché, City Clerk

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“The Priorities Committee should be a forum where Councillors and the public are ‘educated’ and consulted; it should be (and can be) the ‘policy engine’ which drives Council’s actions.”

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- 49 Recommendations
- Covering Eight topic areas

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- General Recommendations
- Agenda Recommendations
- Part I Agenda (Policy Discussion Papers)
- Part II Agenda (Citizen Delegations)

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- Council/Staff Responsibility
- Council Orientation
- Council Retreat
- Policy Discussion Papers

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- Councils being elected by, representative of, and accountable to their community;
- Policies and programs reflecting the mandate Councils have received from electors;
- Policy enactment arising from the Council plan with appropriate performance management to assess the Council's progress;

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- Community participation in governance;
- Mayor and Councillors providing leadership to the community and reflecting the community's collective aspirations;
- A management structure which implements the Council's goals in accordance with Council's priorities and approved budget;

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- Provision of services which meet the community's needs (sometimes in partnership with other levels of government, business or community organizations);
- Local government being well placed to facilitate coordination and integration at a local level;
- Cooperation between local governments.

Code of Good Governance, The Municipal Association of Victoria and Victorian Local Governance Association (Australia, December, 1997)

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- 36 Recommendations
- Covering Seven Governance Areas

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- Procedure By-law Review
- Governance Statement
- Policy Analysis Team
- Councillor Information Requests

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- Public Consultation
- Communications Plan
- Council Remuneration and Expenses

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What happens now?

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- Priorities Committee will first consider those recommendations dealing with the Priorities Committee
- Consensus only required at the “questioning” stage
- Once the Priorities’ Recommendations have been considered one Recommendation adopting all those points agreed to by the Committee will be introduced for a vote
- Once Minutes of Priorities Adopted by Council then By-law(s) will be required to implement some of the recommendations

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What happens now?

- The Committee will then consider those recommendations dealing with Governance matters
- Again, consensus only required
- Once the Governance Recommendations have been considered a formal Recommendation will be introduced for a vote
- Second recommendation calls for “approval in principle”
- Reports covering each of the Governance topics will be brought back to the Committee each with specific recommendations for consideration

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SCHEDULE "B"

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

General Recommendations			
N°		Yes	No
1	Regular Review of Procedure By-law once during the term of each Council	✓	
2	Governance Statement for each term of Council	✓	
3	Establish a Policy Analysis Team from existing Staff	✓	
4	Protocol developed for Councillor Information Requests	✓	
5	Prepare a formal process for Public Consultation	✓	
6	Prepare a formal Communications Plan	✓	
7	Citizens' Task Force be established to review Council Remuneration and Resources	✓	

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General Recommendations - Procedure By-law Review			
N°		Yes	No
8	2 nd Year of each Council Term Staff to survey each Member of Council regarding Procedure By-law	✓	
9	Staff to report to Priorities Committee with results of survey and recommendations for changes to Procedure By-law	✓	

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"When you come to a
fork in the road, take it."

Yogi Berra

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