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RIEL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 21, 2022, the Riel Community Committee received the final report of the governance review as information and submitted the following comments to the Governance Committee of Council:

1. That the Appeals Committee be considered in any changes or updates to the existing development application process mentioned in the Governance Review Final Report recommendations 7 and 15.
2. That the comments provided from members of the Riel Community Committee contained in the attachment entitled “15 Recommendations on Governance from Riel Community Committee” be reviewed.

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15 Recommendations on Governance from Riel Community Committee

The Governance Review Final Report was submitted to the City in late October, 2021. The MNP report concluded that overall “the City of Winnipeg’s governance framework (formal structures and practices) appear to be consistent with or leading the practices of the other jurisdictions reviewed, and support principles of effective municipal governance.” The report did also identify areas where the

City could potentially strengthen its governance structure, and provided the following fifteen recommendations:

1. Develop a formal orientation process that includes documented Roles and Responsibilities for Members of Council.

Most council members are in support of this concept, recognizing the limitations of presentations done by the public service who have never been elected officials. Perhaps pairing a newly elected Councillor with a “veteran” Councillor to shadow for a week (or associated comfort level) will provide a better understanding of the day to day role of a city Councillor. Must also develop an orientation for new EA’s that allows for something more standardized in terms of what their roles and responsibilities may be, noting it could change from Councillor to Councilor.

2. Formalize process for requests for information and reports from Administration.

Reports themselves have been formatted for consistent information (most recently adding Climate Action Lens to each report). More work needs to be done with respect to when and whom to initiate reports through if no motion has been tabled.

3. Increase Council access to resources, and improve public accessibility of Council budget information.

Now with the fact that more and more residents are contacting Councillors 24/7 through social media platforms, there is no shortage of work or need for information to be provided. We continue to request more resources to respond in a timely and transparent way, this includes around budget time for non-EPC members.

4. Establish maximum number of appointments by Mayor to ensure these appointments plus the Mayor, do not exceed 50% of Council.

Ongoing discussions to find a balance for Standing Policy Committees as well as other committees in which Councillors participate. This may also be considered when selecting members of EPC and whether they should be elected to EPC or a variation of Councillors and appointments by the Mayor can be considered.

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5. Streamline the flow of information and recommendations to Council and ensure all direction by Members of Council to the Administration is recorded as a resolution.

The CAO has established a process for sending requests for information through his office. Could still use some refinement to ensure there is good communication back and forth.

6. Incorporate a mechanism to ensure all wards are reasonably represented on EPC over time.

Tied to question #4 and whether a process could be established where the Mayor can select 4 members of EPC and Council vote on the other 2 members. Or establish a term limit to serving on EPC per mandate.

7. Discontinue Community Committee role in the Development Application Process.

Ongoing discussion including around the Appeals processes

8. Orient Indigenous Advisory Council to provide advice to Council as a whole.

Is this something that can be coordinated through the Human Rights Committee of Council?

9. Adjust proposed By-law amendment for Council Leaves of Absence.

House Keeping, refer back to Governance

10. Increase accessibility of Council meeting information to the public.

Coordinate through the Clerk's office

11. Enable delegations to present to the Committee or Council after the Administration report on an item.

Coordinate through the Clerk's office

12. Increase accessibility of Council decision-making and public engagement processes to marginalized groups.

Develop a strategy

13. Ensure the results of public input on a matter before Council are readily accessible to Council.

More discussion

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14. Establish an overarching Council approved strategic plan, including a framework to annually monitor progress, review priorities and renew the plan at least with each term of Council.

We only had one Strategic Planning Session which really did not have an impact on our planning during this term. Should a Strategic Plan be taken from OurWinnipeg vision or is it completely separate and should it have an impact on our multi-year budget planning?

15. Streamline the Development Application Process.

Ongoing discussion including around the Appeals processes