



REGULAR
MEETING OF GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Flute Room at Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, B.C. V8E 0X5

PRESENT: Mayor, J. Crompton
Councillor, C. Jewett
Councillor, R. Forsyth

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston
General Manager of Community Engagement and Cultural Services,
K. Elliot
Corporate Officer/ Manager of Legislative Services, P. Lysaght
Special Legal Projects, B. Vagelatos
Senior Communication Officer, E. Marriner
Legislative Services Administrative Assistant, E. Jedrasiak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Forsyth recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By C. Jewett

That the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee adopt the Regular Committee agenda of January 8, 2024.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By C. Jewett

That the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee adopt the Regular Committee minutes of November 16, 2023.

CARRIED

4. VERBAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Code of Conduct

A feedback discussion regarding proposed Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 2397, 2023 was held. The Committee members were provided with 2 versions (Option A and Option B) of the Code of Conduct for comparison.

The GAESC Committee members discussed the language of the proposed Code of Conduct and debated about inclusion of disqualifiable conduct in the document.

The Committee has requested staff to bring the Code of Conduct Bylaw to the Committee of the Whole meeting for a review and discussion. The Committee noted that the aim of the proposed Code of Conduct is to create a respectful workplace and set up rules for potential Council breaches.

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By C. Jewett

That the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee recommend that staff bring forward Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 2397, 2023 (Option A) to the future Committee of the Whole meeting for input from all Council.

CARRIED

4.2 Committee Review Project

A discussion regarding Committee Review Project was held. E. Marriner gave an update on the sessions being hosted with each amalgamating or shifting Committee to solicit feedback on the new Committee mandates and memberships.

The GAESC Committee discussed the following matters:

- Community Engagement aspect and a need to have a mechanism for community members to express their views and input on projects, particularly recreation and parks projects,
- A need to establish clear definition of smart tourism term,
- Possibility to create working groups for specific projects or issues (for example: Rainbow Park Working Group),
- Terms of Reference for each of the new or amalgamating committee should be written and presented to Council for endorsement,
- Recommendation to have more community members in the Committees and to reflect community membership in Terms of Reference for each committee,
- Recommendation for broader diversity in committee memberships,
- A need to create a plan for community outreach regarding committee memberships,
- A need to identify barriers that prevent community members from participating in committees,
- Recommendation to have a council member as a chair and mayor as ad hoc member in every new or amalgamating committee,
- Members of amalgamating or new committees will need to re-apply for committee membership,
- The Strategic Select Planning Committee members shifting from the Housing and Strategy Select Committee without a need to re- apply for a membership,
- A need to have a future discussion about remuneration for indigenous Committee representatives.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

GAESC discussed the Council Self- Evaluation process for 2023. GAESC agreed that the Self-Evaluation questionnaire will be distributed to Council by the GAESC chair. The results will be presented to all of Council by HR Director during a future Closed Council Meeting.

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By C. Jewett

That GAEAC recommend that the chair of GAESC should distribute the Self-Evaluation questionnaire to Council members.

CARRIED

Governance and Ethics Standing Committee has expressed a need for an additional GAESC meeting in February 2024 to discuss matters related to Committee Review project such as mandates, Terms of Reference and feedback collected during committee meetings.

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By C. Jewett

That the GAESC Committee will hold an additional meeting in February 2024.


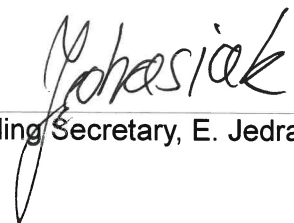
CARRIED

6. TERMINATION

Moved By J. Crompton
Seconded By C. Jewett

That Governance and Ethics Standing Committee terminate the Regular Committee meeting of January 8, 2024 at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED


Chair, R. Forsyth
Recording Secretary, E. Jedrasiak