



Town of Aurora  
Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2019  
**Time and Location:** 4 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall  
**Committee Members:** Tim Jones (Vice-Chair), Bill Hogg, Terry Jones, and Jeff Thom  
**Member(s) Absent:** Steve Hinder  
**Other Attendees:** Beate Bowron, Consultant, Gary Davidson, Consultant, Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Samantha Yew, Deputy Town Clerk

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**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Bill Hogg**  
**Seconded by Jeff Thom**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

**3. Receipt of the Minutes**

**Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2019**

**Moved by Jeff Thom**  
**Seconded by Bill Hogg**

That the Governance Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of October 9, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

None

#### **5. Matters for Consideration**

##### **1. Round Table Discussion**

###### **Re: Draft Electoral System Review Options Report**

The Committee provided suggestions regarding the draft Electoral System Review (ESR) options report, including shortening the report by removing the executive summary and including the proposed ward maps in ads and other communications.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding the timelines of the second round of public consultation, noting that the two public consultation meetings are very close to the holidays and may not be well attended. The Committee suggested ways to achieve greater public participation for the second round of public consultation.

The Committee showed support for both the proposed five and six ward options, pending more information. The committee noted that its possible to include a Deputy Mayor, elected at-large, in the five ward model, but this would require a detailed 'job description' to define exactly what the position is responsible for. The Committee also agreed that Council size should not increase and encouraged the consultants to consider alternative boundaries for the five and six ward options.

The Committee inquired about including information regarding ward and at - large electoral systems, including the pros and cons of each. Staff noted that it is not within the scope of the ESR. The Committee expressed intent to conduct research and report to Council with this information, noting that the research would follow the ESR timelines and result in a companion report to be considered with the final ESR report.

**Moved by Bill Hogg**  
**Seconded by Jeff Thom**

1. That the comments and suggestions regarding the Draft Electoral System Review Options Report be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate; and
2. That the Committee research and report to Council on the pros and cons of the Town's potential transition to a ward-based electoral system; and
3. That the research and report to Council be conducted and delivered concurrently with the Electoral System Review final report.

**Carried**

## **6. Adjournment**

**Moved by Terry Jones**  
**Seconded by Bill Hogg**

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**Carried**