Summary of Examples of Committee of the Whole in Canadian Jurisdictions

Municipality	Committee Name	Chair	Mandate or Purpose
City of Vancouver	Policy and Strategic Standing Committee	Councillor other than the Mayor	Responsible for a broad number of municipal issues: neighbourhood planning and protection, zoning issues, noise complaints, environmental issues, social policy development, cultural issues, etc.
City of Victoria	Committee of the Whole	Mayor	Council has the ability during a Council meeting to go into Committee of the Whole by resolution. Committee of the Whole meetings are also regularly scheduled so that Council may consider but not decide on any matter of the City's business.
City of Coquitlam	Strategic Priorities Standing Committee	Mayor	Provides a forum for informal discussion of issues (generally in a workshop format) related to the City's strategic goals and business planning priorities, including, but not limited to: • Significant long-range planning policies encompassing community, parks and transportation planning. • Council's Business Plan. • Council's governance policy and structure, and organizational reviews. • Strategic community issues. • Intergovernmental relations. Additionally, this Committee serves as the City's Emergency Program Planning Committee.
City of Winnipeg	Committee of the Whole	Deputy Presiding Officer	Requires a motion of Council as well as a 2/3 majority to enter into Committee of the Whole. Less formal than Council and used to debate any of the City's business as required.
City of Saskatoon	Governance and Priorities Committee	Mayor	The mandate of this committee is: • To provide advice and recommendations to Council; • To oversee the implementation of approved policy decisions by the civic administration; • To exercise every power delegated by Council; and • To supervise the City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Solicitor.
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	Committee of the Whole	Mayor	Council may gather informally as a Committee of the Whole to receive briefings and updates from Administration and from other bodies to which Council appoints members; hear from members of the public; or participate in training or education. Councillors may ask questions and discuss any of the information presented in Committee of the Whole, but must not enter into any debate and must not make any decisions or give any direction to the CAO or other employee or contractor, or say or do anything that materially progresses the business of the Municipality.
City of Red Deer	Governance and Policy Committee	Rotated among Councillors	The Committee is tasked with developing a comprehensive governance and policy framework, reviewing policy and making recommendations on policy enhancements, reviewing Council's committee structure, and considering agenda matters which are not addressed or fully addressed by current City policy.
City of St. Albert	Standing Committee of	Councillor other than	replaced its Standing Committee on Finance in May 2015 and is intended to assist Council with matters primarily related to the

	the Whole	the Mayor	financial operations of the City, while also allowing the consideration of any other matters that Council may wish to consider within the more flexible format of Committee of the Whole.
County of Rock View	Policy and Priorities Committee	Councillor other than the Mayor	The meetings are held to receive information and discuss and explore ideas. Meetings are an opportunity to investigate complex issues in order to provide recommendations for Council's consideration. The committee may discuss new initiatives, propose amendments to legislation, or hear presentations from the public.
City of Spruce Grove	Committee of the Whole	Mayor	Responsible for budget, land use planning, economic and community development. Bylaw notes that the Committee of the Whole may consider any matter that Council may consider and may conduct non-statutory public hearings, receive delegations and submissions, meet with other municipalities and other levels of governments, and may recommend appointments of members of the public to Council Committees. May make recommendations to Council and refer matters to Administration or a Committee for review.
City of Toronto	Committee of the Whole	Mayor	Council resolves itself into a committee of the whole to consider a matter which may be considered in a closed meeting and to hear public presentations and consider matters before it after Council having decided to do so at a previous meeting.
City of Mississauga	General Committee	Rotated among Councillors	General Committee is comprised of all members of Council and considers matters of business presented from all corporate departments and/or advisory committees of Council, with the exception of planning matters. Recommendations made by General Committee are forwarded to Council for adoption
City of Kitchener	Committee of the Whole	Mayor appoints a Councillor to Chair	Council resolves itself into Committee of the Whole by resolution. The Committee of the Whole shall consider and report on the following matters: report of the CAO, communications, bylaws, and questions which have been referred to the Committee, or any other matter which has been referred to the Committee by resolution of the Council. Every bylaw may be debated in the Committee of the Whole.
City of Hamilton	General Issues Committee	Rotated among Deputy Mayors	To review and monitor the City's and Council's Strategic Plan; To review corporate and program objectives and performance measures and make recommendations to Council; To consider and recommend to Council on matters relating to budgets, budget monitoring, re-assessment and related tax policies; To consider and recommend to Council on matters relating to Business Development, the Small Business Enterprise Centre, Incentive Loans/Grants programs and approvals, BIA initiatives, the Hamilton Incubator of Technology and Tourism; To consider and recommend to Council on matters relating to G.R.I.D.S.; To receive briefings on legal matters involving the City and give direction to the City Solicitor on litigation matters; To receive information on labour negotiations and provide direction to the Director of Labour Relations; To consider and make recommendations to Council on matters regarding Boards and Agencies; To meet as Shareholders and/or Board of Directors of a corporation when required; To receive delegations from the public

			and conduct public hearings as required by statute and Council specific to the mandate of this committee on matters under the Standing Committee.
City of Brampton	Committee of Council	Detail not provided but Mayor is noted as ex-officio	Newly established for 2017. This Committee makes recommendations to Council on a broad scope of topics: community services, corporate services, economic development, and public works.