

Council Meeting_Jun20_2017

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE
GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Policy GOV-001-019 County Representation on External Boards/Committees/Commissions (Review)
Report Purpose

To provide Council with recommended changes to Policy GOV-001-019 County Representation on External Boards/Committees/Commissions for consideration.

Recommendation:

THAT revised Policy GOV-001-019 County Representation on External Boards/Committees/Commissions, as set out in Enclosure 2 to the June 20,2017 Governance Advisory Committee report, be approved.

Summary

The Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) is responsible for reviewing governance policies as per the policy review schedule. After reviewing the GOV-001-019 policy and looking at similar policies in other municipalities, the GAC recommends a number of changes which are included in the chart below along with the rationale for each change.

	Amendment	Rationale
1	Update policy template, policy statement, and purpose statement.	House-keeping
2	Change "shall" to "will" in Guideline 1	House-keeping
3	Update title to "Council Appointments to External Boards, Committees, and Commissions"	House-keeping
4	Change "semi-annually" to "annually" in Guideline 2	Better alignment with current practice and need.
5	Add a Guideline 3 that states "When possible, Councillors will be appointed to external boards, committees, or commissions for 2 year terms."	<p>Input from external boards, committees, and commissions noted a preference for 2-year terms since they provide continuity and consistency.</p> <p>Further, 2-year terms align well with the 4-year municipal election cycle.</p> <p>Since there are a few entities which stipulate 1-year terms in their constituting documents (e.g. Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission, Pioneer Housing Foundation, and Strathcona County RCMP Community Advisory Committee) the new Guideline 3 includes some flexibility.</p>

Enclosures

1. Policy GOV-001-019 – County Representation on External Boards, Committees, and Commissions **(Revised copy with highlighted changes)**
2. Policy GOV-001-019 – County Representation on External Boards, Committees, and Commissions **(Revised copy)**
3. Policy GOV-001-019 – County Representation on External Boards/Committees/Commissions **(Current copy)**