

GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Governance Advisory Review of Council Governance Policies****Report Purpose**

To provide the Governance Advisory Committee's recommendations related to its review of Council Governance policies in accordance with the policy review schedule.

Recommendation

THAT amended policy GOV-001-034 Accountability and Transparency, as set out in enclosure 3 of the September 29, 2020 Governance Advisory Committee report, be approved.

THAT amended policy GOV-001-035 Recognition Protocol, as set out in enclosure 5 of the September 29, 2020 Governance Advisory Committee report, be approved.

Rationale

The three policies noted in this report were scheduled to be reviewed by the Governance Advisory Committee as part of the Committee's annual work plan. The review dates for all policies are established by Council.

There are no changes proposed to the Recognition of Service to Office policy (included as enclosure 1). The GAC determined that the policy provides sufficient guidance in keeping with Council's practice and those of other municipalities.

Only minor housekeeping changes are recommended to the Recognition Protocol policy (see enclosures 2 and 3). The GAC was satisfied that this policy provides appropriate direction that is in keeping with Council's practice and with best practices deployed by other municipalities.

In terms of the Accountability and Transparency policy, the GAC is recommending a different approach to the policy. While the principles in the policy remain unchanged, the policy has been simplified by removing information that is already provided in other policies. The previous approach to this policy was to detail all of Council's accountability and transparency commitments, but the revised approach is more succinct. Again, the principles and guidelines are not altered but duplication of other policies has been eliminated.

Enclosures

- 1 GOV-001-027 Recognition of Service to Office policy (no changes proposed)
- 2 GOV-001-034 Accountability and Transparency policy (track changes)
- 3 GOV-001-034 Accountability and Transparency policy (amended)
- 4 GOV-001-035 Recognition Protocol policy (track changes)
- 5 GOV-001-035 Recognition Protocol policy (amended)