



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

Governance Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

4:30 p.m. – City Hall

Attendance: Alan Caslin, Regional Councillor
Bruce Timms, Regional Councillor
Jeff Burch, Councillor, City of St. Catharines
Mathew Siscoe, Councillor, City of St. Catharines
Dr. John McTavish, Community Representative
Brett Sweeney, Community Representative

Absent: Brian McMullan, Mayor
Peter Secord, Councillor, City of St. Catharines
Mike Sullivan, Community Representative

Staff: Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Susan Dods, Clerk's Service Leader

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. Moved by Regional Councillor Caslin:

That the City of St. Catharines Governance Committee ratify the minutes of March 21, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Update on Presentations made to Area Municipalities

Councillors Siscoe and Burch provided the members with an update on the governance presentations made to the other municipalities. They stated that overall, the presentations were well received. Reform of regional government is a common issue.

4. Question Matrix

A general discussion of the question maxtrix on the composition of council, the role of the councilors ensued. A consensus was not reached on this issue, however, it was agreed that St. Catharines would be more competitive in the province if the municipalities in the region would work together as a team.

5. Niagara Observatory

Moved by Regional Councillor Caslin:

That the Niagara Observatory be asked what they can offer this process, and to further our research in response to St. Catharines City Council request to study governance in the Region.

CARRIED.

6. New Business

There was some discussion on the merit of visiting Councils of other Regional Municipalities that have dual role Councillors. Councillor Siscoe stated he would be willing to attend other Council meetings.

7. The Chair asked for an adjournment.

Moved by Regional Councillor Timms:

That the meeting hereby adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: TO BE DETERMINED