

## Agenda

**Wednesday, October 06, 2021**

### **Electronic Participation at 5:45 pm**

As part of the City's commitment to safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held electronically.

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**Public Comments:** The public may submit comments regarding agenda matters by contacting [smchugh@stcatharines.ca](mailto:smchugh@stcatharines.ca) by October 5, 2021 before 3:00 p.m. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
  2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories – S. Vail**
  3. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**
  4. **Motion to approve the agenda**
  5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
  6. **Declarations of Interest**
  7. **Business arising from the minutes**
    - a) Creating Safer Spaces
    - b) Equitable Recovery Subcommittee – Review of Draft Plan
    - c) Social Category Update
    - d) Business Category Update
    - e) Review and Update of Draft Workplan
      - i. Environmental Scan
      - ii. Gender and Sexual Diversity Training

- iii. Gender Inclusive Washrooms Project
- iv. Recognition of Days of Significance to Members of the LGBTQ2+ Communities
- v. Rainbow Crosswalk Policy (as directed by Council)

8. **Business**

- a) **8.1** Committee Updates – Vacancy and Attendance
- b) **8.2** Meeting Schedule
- c) **8.3** Niagara Transit Governance Plan Presentation

9. **Items of Correspondence**

- a) Memo from Donna Delvecchio, Deputy Clerk regarding Municipal and School Board Election – Alternative Voting Method Survey

10. **Date of next meeting**

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

**To:** Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee  
Anti-Racism Advisory Committee  
LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee

**From:** Donna Delvecchio, Deputy Clerk

**Date:** September 7, 2021

**Subject:** 2022 Municipal and School Board Election - Alternative Voting Method Survey

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At the August 30, 2021 Council meeting, a report was presented from Office of the City Clerk regarding the above noted subject. The report outlined an overview of possible alternative voting methods available, these would be in addition to in-person polls for the 2022 municipal and school board election.

As the City of St. Catharines has not offered an alternative voting method in past elections, a few of the many reasons why offering one would be positive include:

- All eligible voters would have the opportunity to cast their own ballot if they choose to. In-person only voting may not meet this goal if the voter is unable to visit a poll on voting day for a variety of reasons.
- Eligible voters can cast their ballot at their convenience.
- Eligible voters may not be comfortable entering a busy polling location for a variety of reasons.

Community engagement is planned to begin on October 1, 2021 for 2 weeks using the engageSTC platform to obtain feedback on methods of voting that would be preferred by voters. In November 2021, a further report with a recommended method(s) taking into consideration the results of the community engagement, available resources, risks and opportunities for each method, etc. will be presented to Council for consideration.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary but welcomed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



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