

GAS, POWER, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS GOVERNANCE REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In light of the City Clerk's Office's *Proposed Council Committee Governance Models and Meeting Efficiencies* Report, Administration is seeking direction from the Gas, Power, and Telecommunications committee on how to address the Report's recommendations.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Gas, Power, and Telecommunications Committee:

1. Direct Administration to further investigate the future state of this Council Committee, and report back to The Committee by Q1 2017.
2. Receive this report for information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The current mandate of Gas, Power, and Telecommunications, as set out in Bylaw No 44M2006, is, "*to monitor and participate as necessary in regulatory proceedings only to protect the interests of The City of Calgary in its role of municipal government*". In 2012, Administration conducted a review of the GPT mandate. In report GPT2012-0245, *Gas, Power, and Telecommunications Committee Mandate Review*, Administration advised the Committee that the current mandate was considered sufficiently flexible to the regulatory environment and recommended that no changes be made. The Council Committee Governance Review report did not address the mandate.

BACKGROUND

In spring 2016 the City Clerk's Office conducted a Council Committee Governance Review, seeking feedback from stakeholders regarding current council committees. In the ensuing report, *Proposed Council Committee Governance Models and Meeting Efficiencies* (LGT2016-0585), the City Clerks did not provide recommendations on the Gas, Power, and Telecommunications Committee due to a lack of decisive direction from stakeholders. The Administration was directed to work with the GPT Committee to further investigate the future state of the Committee and return to Council with recommendations no later than Q2 2017.

Specific stakeholder feedback received included the suggestions that:

1. Public member experts be included in the composition of GPT (similar to the Audit Committee model),
2. Members of Council should not be included in the composition, and
3. An opportunity exists for converting the GPT Committee to an Administration Committee without Council representation.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Upon the release of LGT2016-0585, Corporate Tax & Regulatory Affairs met with the report authors in order to gain a further understanding of its findings. Verbal comments from the authors suggested that the feedback they received implies a need for greater expertise and experience on the committee in order to provide direction to The City's regulatory program.

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The authors volunteered that they were unable to meaningfully evaluate the Committee due to insufficient information about its activities. No analogous committees exist elsewhere in Canada, making an evaluation of its governance structure difficult. In order to help enhance the authors' understanding of GPT, Corporate Tax & Regulatory Affairs has forwarded them a copy of a presentation delivered during the June 2015 Strategic Planning Session that summarizes the Committee's activities.

Coincident with this report is the current unusually heavy workload of the Committee, including monitoring provincial climate change and carbon levy initiatives, the potential impact to the City of a major Power Purchase Agreement legal challenge, numerous CRTC decisions, etc.

Discussion of Recommendation #3

Administration wishes to discuss with GPT the recommendation in LGT2016-0585 that, "*Council direct the City Clerk, Administration, and the Gas, Power, and Telecommunications Committee to further investigate the future state of this Council Committee and return to Council with recommendations no later than Q2 2017.*" Additionally, the Administration would like to encourage suggestions for improvement from Committee members.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Not applicable.

Strategic Alignment

This report is in alignment with the mandate of the Gas, Power and Telecommunications Committee.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

This report has been reviewed for alignment with The City of Calgary's Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework. No implications are identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

This report does not propose a decision and there is no direct budget or business plan implication.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no budget or business plan implications arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

No specific risks are associated with this report

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Administration has been directed to follow up on the LGT2016-0585 recommendation that further analysis of GPT be conducted.

ATTACHMENT(S)

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None.