Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 19, 2019

BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 5 Election Financing Commission

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the matter as information.

(See Budget Review Item 22)

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
That the matter be received as information.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 26, 2018, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be referred to the 2019 budget review process, namely:

    A. That the City Clerk be charged with implementing an Election Financing Commission following the 2018 Civic Election to make an unbiased update to current rules for all subsequent elections, modeled similarly to the process for Ward Boundary Review Commission.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Councillor Eadie asked to be recorded as having voted against the item, in accordance with Rule 47.7 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council:

1. That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be referred to the 2019 budget review process, namely:

    A. That the City Clerk be charged with implementing an Election Financing Commission following the 2018 Civic Election to make an unbiased update to current rules for all subsequent elections, modeled similarly to the process for Ward Boundary Review Commission.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 4, 2018, the Governance Committee of Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the rules surrounding the financing of election campaigns are there in the fairness of democratic elections;

AND WHEREAS any change to the rules of funding elections could have material impacts on the various participants in the election process;

AND WHEREAS the members of Council have their own particular interest in how rule changes could affect the likelihood of their own re-election and are therefore potentially biased in any changes proposed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be charged with implementing an Election Financing Commission following the 2018 Civic Election to make an unbiased update to current rules for all subsequent elections, modeled similarly to the process for Ward Boundary Review Commission.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.