Minute No. 501
Report – Governance Committee of Council – June 17, 2020

Item No. 4 **Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 – Requirement for a Two Thirds Vote for the Adoption of the Capital and Operating Budgets**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

1. That the May 6, 2020, Council Motion be referred to the Executive Policy Committee, namely:

   > "That the Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 be amended to require a vote of 2/3 of the members present at Council for the adoption of the capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year, beginning with the 2020 budget."

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 15, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

On June 17, 2020, the Governance Committee of Council recommended that the May 6, 2020, Council Motion be referred to the Executive Policy Committee, and submitted the matter to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL:

On May 6, 2020, Council referred the Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Klein and Seconded by Councillor Nason to the Governance Committee of Council for consideration:

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS the Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 details the categories of matters which require approval by a 2/3 vote of the members present at Council;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year requires a simple majority vote of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 be amended to require a vote of 2/3 of the members present at Council for the adoption of the capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year, beginning with the 2020 budget.