



The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
Niagara Compliance Audit Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023

Members Present: Heather Salter (Chair), Murray Christie, Margo Pinder, Robert Ciarlo, Larry Peebles

Absent:

Officials Present: Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Sandor Csanyi, Director of Legal and Clerks Services / City Solicitor
Donna Delvecchio, Deputy City Clerk

1. Call to Order

The City Clerk called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 10:01 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The City Clerk read the following Land Acknowledgment:
The land on which Council meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

All members and staff present introduced themselves.

3. Selection of Chair

Heather Salter indicated her interest to Chair this Compliance Audit Review Committee meeting.

Moved by: Murray Christie

That Heather Salter be appointed as Chair of this meeting.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

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5. Opening Statement of the Chair

Chair Salter provided opening remarks and advised that the purpose of this Compliance Audit Committee meeting is to determine whether the applications for an audit will be granted or rejected.

Chair Salter inquired if there was support from the applicants and candidate for the two applications for Mat Siscoe to be combined and heard at the same time as they are very similar in nature. Jeff Loucks, agent for Jim Kretz requested the applications be heard separately.

6. Application by Danielle Romanuk for Mayor Candidate Mat Siscoe

Presentation by the Applicant, Danielle Romanuk

Danielle Romanuk provided an overview of her application for a compliance audit application.

Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. No questions were raised.

Presentation by the Candidate, Mat Siscoe

Mat Siscoe summarized his submission to the Committee and outlined his campaign teams experience with websites.

Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. Members asked questions of the presenter for further clarification.

Committee Consideration of Applications

All members of the Compliance Audit Committee and the City Clerk went into closed session for the members to deliberate the application at 10:28 a.m., the Committee requested the City Solicitor join the closed session at 11:02 a.m. and the Committee rose from closed session at 11:25 a.m.

Chair Salter thanked both the applicant and candidate for their submissions and provided an overview of the decision. The application of Danielle Romanuk was rejected with written reasons for decision on the application to follow.

Danielle Romanuk exited the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

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7. Application by Jim Kretz for Mayor Candidate Mat Siscoe

Presentation by the Applicant, Jim Kretz, made by Jeff Loucks, Agent

Jeff Loucks provided an overview of the application and supporting documentation filed for a compliance audit application.

Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. No questions were raised.

Presentation by the Candidate, Mat Siscoe

Mat Siscoe stated his written submission addresses the relevant questions related to the application and noted a number of items in the application do not pertain to him or the campaign.

Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. Members asked questions of the presenter for further clarification.

Committee Consideration of Applications

All members of the Compliance Audit Committee and the City Clerk went into closed session for the members to deliberate the application at 11:39 a.m., the Committee rose from closed session at 12:05 p.m.

Chair Salter thanked both the applicant and candidate for their submissions and provided an overview of the decision. The application of Jim Kretz was rejected with written reasons for decision on the application to follow.

Chair Salter advised that the written decisions and the minutes of the meeting will be posted to the City's website.

Jim Kretz and Jeff Loucks exited the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

8. Application by Zoe Lachance for Mayor Candidate Nick Petrucci

Presentation by Zoe Lachance, Applicant

Zoe Lachance provided an overview of her application for a compliance audit application.

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Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. No questions were raised.

Presentation by the Candidate, Nick Petrucci

Nick Petrucci provided a response to the application and addressed questions about costs related to the campaign website.

Members of the Compliance Audit Committee were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter. Members asked questions of the presenter for further clarification.

Committee Consideration of Applications

All members of the Compliance Audit Committee and the City Clerk went into closed session for the members to deliberate the application at 12:22 p.m., the Committee rose from closed session at 12:36 p.m.

Chair Salter thanked both the applicant and candidate for their submissions and provided an overview of the decision. The application of Zoe Lachance was rejected with written reasons for decision on the application to follow.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Robert Ciarlo

That this meeting hereby adjourn at 12:39 p.m.

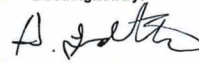
CARRIED

Certified Correct:



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk

Confirmed by:

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Heather Salter, Chair, Niagara
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