

MUNICIPAL UPDATE

# Back In The Tower Again

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## THE SWEARING IN

Toronto City Council was sworn in on December 4, 2018 to a Council Chamber full of family, friends and staff. The new Council is comprised of 25 Members including the Mayor, making it 26 (remember this now means to have an item passed at Council a majority +1 is needed, i.e. 14 votes).

Councillor stalwart Frances Nunziata (Ward 5 York South Weston) was re-elected as the Speaker, a position she has held since 2010 and Councillor Shelley Carroll (Ward 17 Don Valley North) was elected as Deputy Speaker. The ceremonial meeting moved through the motions of pomp and circumstance with measured fanfare and Councillors, old and new, looking eager to get down to “real” work the next day during the official first meeting of City Council.

Mayor Tory, during his first official address, stressed the need for Council consensus, not dissimilar to the previous term and reiterated his campaign positions on the dedication to **build more affordable housing, address gun violence through youth programming and build transit**, specifically the downtown relief line.

Tory did suggest that the City still needs to take a financially prudent approach to future initiatives, as financial streams such as the land transfer tax have lessened due to a slower real estate market environment, a signal that cuts, reallocations or revenue tools will likely need to be revisited for debate during the term (the uploading of the TTC will help with the City’s financial burden, but isn’t enough).

## THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

There have been some notable staff changes in Mayor John Tory’s Office, here are a few:

We say goodbye to **Vic Gupta**, Tory’s **Principal Secretary**, who will be greatly missed but we say hello to **Vince Gasparro**, Liberal, Tory’s Campaign Co-Chair and longtime friend of the firm, who has taken over that position.

We say goodbye to **Chris Eby**, Tory’s **Chief of Staff** and hello to newly promoted, **Luke Robertson**, longtime Tory, Tory’s Campaign Manager this time around and the Mayor’s former Director of Council and Stakeholder Relations during the 2014-2018 term.

We say hello to a new face at City Hall, **Courtney Glen**, Tory’s new **Deputy Chief of Staff**, a former government relations VP, senior vice president at Teneo Holdings, who worked on communications on Tory’s past campaign, and was part of the Mayor’s transition team in 2014.

Former Toronto Sun reporter turned Mayor's Office Director of Communications during the 2014-2018 term, **Don Peat**, has been promoted to **Executive Director of Communications and Strategic Issues Management**.

## THE FIRST MEETING

Wednesday December 5, 2018 marked the first Council meeting of the 2018/2019-2022 session where the recalibration of Toronto's governance system, under the new 25 ward structure, was up for consideration. Essentially meaning, how will the City function in the new term: from committee structures to Council Member appointments, to a new process for screening public appointees, to Community Council boundaries, and Council staffing and office budgets.

## THE NEW STANDING COMMITTEES...FOR NOW

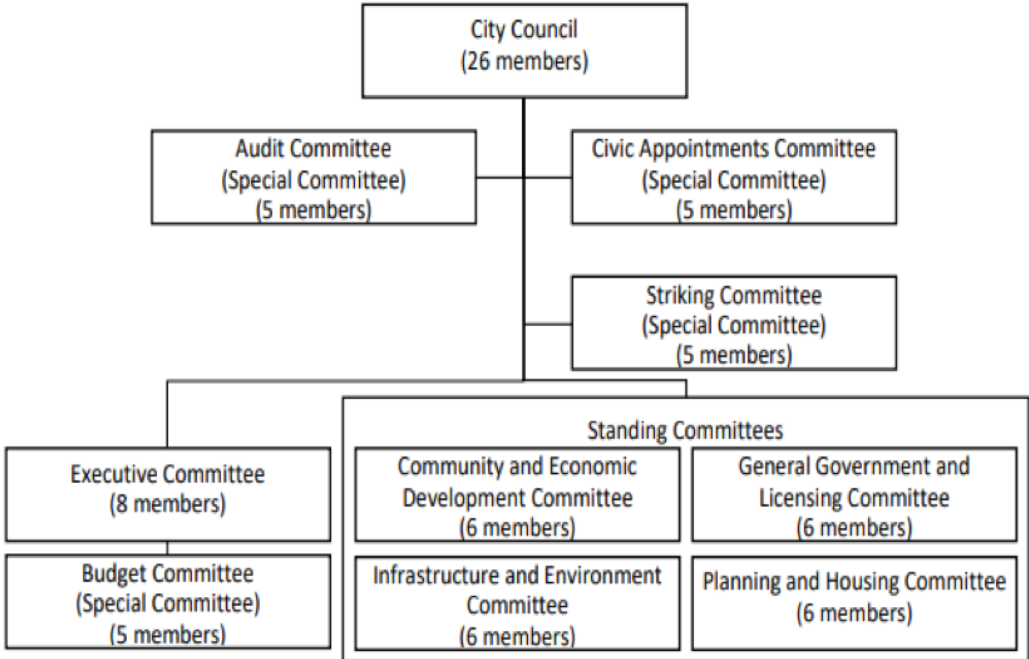
City Council has agreed to the creation of a Special Committee on Governance to review City Council's governance structure. This means that even though City Council needs to get down to work, with such a major shift in structure and reporting, establishing a process to carefully review the impacts to ensure Council functions effectively, is needed. This Committee will be time-limited and composed of 5 Members of Council including the Mayor and would cease after providing its recommendations to the broader City Council.

**\*Fun Fact:** Last Term there were **45 Members who occupied 97 seats** on Council's standing Committees, Executive Committee and Special Committees!

The following is the interim committee structure so that meetings can begin in early 2019 and will be comprised of 6 Councillors each:

Standing Committee	Mandate
<b>Economic and Community Development Committee</b>	The Community and Economic Development Committee's primary focus is on social cohesion and the economy, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendations on strengthening communities, neighbourhoods and the economy.
<b>General Government and Licensing Committee</b>	The General Government and Licensing Committee's primary focus is on City government assets and resources and business licensing, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendations on the administrative operations of the City and the licensing of businesses.

<b>Infrastructure and Environment Committee</b>	The Infrastructure and Environment Committee's primary focus is on infrastructure and the natural environment, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendations on Toronto's infrastructure needs and services, parks and forestry and the sustainable use of Toronto's environment.
<b>Planning and Housing Committee</b>	The Planning and Housing Committee's primary focus is on urban form and housing development, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendations on planning, property standards, growth and housing development.



**NOTABLE MOTIONS AT COUNCIL**

**A Quick Name Change**

Councillor Thompson who was previously Chair of the Economic Development Committee wanted to ensure Toronto’s economic profile stayed front and centre and had the name of one of the interim standing committees changed to Economic and Community Development Committee, making sure the word Economic came first.

### **Hybrid Option for Councillor's Budgets**

Councillor Ainslie moved a motion that passed increasing the Councillor's staffing budget to \$482,000 and office budget to \$50,000 effective Dec 1, 2018, this will ensure residents and stakeholders alike will be well serviced.

### **Request for an Emergency Fund**

Councillor Jim Karygiannis requested a report be done to provide an additional budget of \$5,000 per Council office that Councillors could access in the event of an emergency in their Ward, this did not pass.

### **TRCA Remains the Same...For Now**

For those who are working on developments and need to collaborate with TRCA, Councillor Paula Fletcher, moved a motion that passed to continue the appointment of the current City of Toronto representatives on TRCA until the City Manager and Clerk have discussions with TRCA on the timing of implementing changes.

### **Councillors Would Like A Raise**

Councillor Anthony Perruzza requested a report back to Council from the City Manager on Councillor compensation and recommend an appropriate level of compensation for Toronto City Councillors by the Q1 2019.

## **WHAT'S UP NEXT**

1. **Striking Committee** is brought together to make recommendations on Council Member appointments to standing committees and agencies. Mayor Tory moved a motion to have Councillors, Nunziata, Crawford, Robinson and Holyday appointed, this motion passed 24-2, not without hearing a speech from Councillor Layton pointing out that none of the Members were from Toronto East York Community Council...which all happen to be progressive/left leaning candidates, a sign that Tory is using his majority support, albeit close majority, on Council to get things done.

All of this to say that **we will know next week on Wednesday December 12, 2018, who will be Deputy Mayor, TTC Chair and the Chair of the new Committees and which Members will be sitting on which Committees**, this is key to any industry related strategy going forward.

2. **City Council** will also be sitting next week on Thursday December 13, 2018, and we have been told the discussion will touch on some hot topics including: Uploading of the TTC, the **King Street Pilot** and the **Opt-In vs. Opt-Out position on Cannabis**.

## ISSUES WATCH

Even though it is clear what the Mayor's mandate is over the next 4-year term, there are other issues that will likely be brought forward to the Council floor for consideration and debate that we will be monitoring:

- The introduction of a Stormwater Charge, to homeowners and businesses, similar to the levy in Mississauga to pay for the rising costs of stormwater runoff and flooding protections (this was shelved in 2017 with a report due back in 2019)
- How supervised injections sites are needed but not necessarily working and what industry solutions there are that could address this
- The Auditor General recommended a clean up charge to industrial polluters in order to treat polluted wastewater
- The privatization of waste collection east of Yonge Street
- The potential privatization of Toronto Hydro
- The idea of required community benefit agreements for major development and infrastructure projects – additionally the requirement of social procurement in all future RFPs

## IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT TORONTO

Now that the Toronto update is out of the way, it's worth mentioning that municipalities across Ontario have held their swearing in ceremonies this week and are getting ready for their first

Council meetings either in December or January, below is a Chart that shows the Mayors of the different municipalities but know their Council Members have been officially sworn in as well.

Durham Region		
<b>Regional Chair</b>	John Henry	December 5, 2018
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Ajax	Shaun Collier	December 3, 2018
Brock	Debbie Bath-Hadden	December 3, 2018
Clarington	Adrian Foster	December 3, 2018
Oshawa	Dan Carter	December 3, 2018
Pickering	Dave Ryan	December 3, 2018
Scugog	Bobbie Drew	December 3, 2018
Uxbridge	Dave Barton	December 3, 2018
Whitby	Don Mitchell	December 3, 2018

York Region		
<b>Regional Chair</b>	<b>To be Appointed</b>	<b>December 6, 2018</b>
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Aurora	Tom Mrakas	December 4, 2018
East Gwillimbury	Virginia Hackson	December 4, 2018
Georgina	Margaret Quirk	December 5, 2018
King	Steve Pellegrini	December 3, 2018
Markham	Frank Scarpitti	December 7, 2018
Newmarket	John Taylor	December 3, 2018
Richmond Hill	Dave Barrow	December 3, 2018
Vaughan	Maurizio Bevilacqua	December 4, 2018
Whitchurch-Stouffville	Iain Lovatt	December 4, 2018

Halton Region		
<b>Regional Chair</b>	Gary Carr	December 5, 2018
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Burlington	Marianne Meed Ward	December 3, 2018
Halton Hills	Rick Bonnette	December 3, 2018
Milton	Gord Krantz	December 3, 2018
Oakville	Rob Burton	December 3, 2018

Peel Region		
<b>Regional Chair</b>	<b>To be Appointed</b>	<b>December 6, 2018</b>
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Brampton	Patrick Brown	December 3, 2018
Caledon	Allan Thompson	December 4, 2018
Mississauga	Bonnie Crombie	December 3, 2018

Single-Tier Municipalities		
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Brant	David Bailey	December 3, 2018
Brantford	Kevin Davis	December 3, 2018
Chatham-Kent	Darrin Canniff	December 3, 2018
Kawartha Lakes	Andy Letham	December 3, 2018
Norfolk County	Kristal Chopp	December 4, 2018
Hamilton	Fred Eisenberger	December 3, 2018
Ottawa	Jim Watson	December 3, 2018
Toronto	John Tory	December 4, 2018



<b>Separated Municipalities</b>		
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>Inauguration Date</b>
Barrie	Jeff Lehman	December 3, 2018
Belleville	Mitch Panciuk	December 3, 2018
Cornwall	Bernadette Clement	December 3, 2018
Gananoque	Ted Lojko	December 4, 2018
Greater Napanee	Marg Isbester	December 4, 2018
Guelph	Cam Guthrie	December 3, 2018
Kingston	Bryan Paterson	December 4, 2018
London	Ed Holder	December 3, 2018
Orillia	Steve Clarke	December 3, 2018
Peterborough	Diane Therrien	November 26, 2018
Quinte West	Jim Harrison	December 3, 2018
Windsor	Drew Dilkens	December 3, 2018

**REGIONAL CHAIR UPDATE**

As you may be aware, the Province changed the Regional Chair process for Peel, York, Muskoka and Niagara, whereby their Regional Chairs were to be appointed not elected. The election of Regional Chairs was not changed in Durham, Halton and Waterloo.

Peel, York and Niagara Regional Councils, have their respective inaugural meetings on Thursday December 6, 2018, Muskoka’s is on December 10, 2018. During that meeting, elected Regional Members will nominate individuals for Chair, and the Chair will be appointed at that time.

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