PROPOSED CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE RULES - SECTION 17.1

17.1. Procedures for Election of the Mayor

(1) The election of the *Mayor* must be facilitated by the *Chief Executive Officer* in accordance with the provisions of the *Act*.

(2) The *Mayor* must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

Method of Voting

The election of the *Mayor* must be carried out by a show of hands or such other visual or audible means as the *Chief Executive Officer* determines.

Determining the election of the *Mayor*

(3) The *Chief Executive Officer* must open the meeting at which the *Mayor* is to be elected, and invite nominations for the office of *Mayor*.

(4) Any nominations for the office of *Mayor* must be:

(a) seconded by another Councillor.

(5) Once nominations for the office of *Mayor* have been received, the following provisions will govern the election of the *Mayor:*

Single Nomination

(6) If there is only one nomination, the candidate nominated is deemed to be duly elected.

Multiple Nominations

(7) If there is more than one nomination, the Councillors *in attendance* at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates.

(8) If one candidate receives an absolute majority of Councillors, that candidate is declared to have been duly elected.

(9) In the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates.

(10) If two or more candidates have an equal lowest number of votes, the defeated candidate is to be determined by lot. The *Chair* will have the conduct of the lot and the following provisions will apply:

(a) each candidate will draw one lot;

(b) the order of drawing lots will be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of the candidates who received an equal number of votes, except that, if two or more candidates' surnames are identical,

the order will be determined by the alphabetical order of the candidates' first names;

(c) as many identical pieces of paper as there are candidates who received an equal number of votes must be placed in a receptacle;

(d) the word 'Defeated' shall be written on one of the pieces of paper;

(e) the candidate who draws the paper with the word 'Defeated' written on it must be declared the defeated candidate; and

(f) the Councillors present at the meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates.

(11) If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting:

(a) the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date; and

(b) sub-Rule 17.1 (11)(a) will continue to apply until an absolute majority of the Councillors is achieved.

(12) Notwithstanding sub-Rule 17.1(11)(b) in the event an absolute majority of Councillors cannot be achieved after conducting three new election processes, the election of the *Mayor* will be determined by lot.