

## **Article 5 – Chairing the Council**

### **5.01 Role and Function of the Lord Mayor**

The Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor will be elected by the Council annually at its Annual Meeting. The Lord Mayor, and in his or her absence the Deputy Lord Mayor, will have the roles and functions set out below.

### **5.02 Ceremonial Role**

The Lord Mayor will act as the City's First Citizen and will discharge ceremonial duties on behalf of the Council so as to:

- (a) uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- (b) promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
- (c) be the conscience of the Council and Councillors; and
- (d) attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.

### **5.03 Chairing the Council Meeting**

The Lord Mayor (or in his or her absence the Deputy Lord Mayor) will chair meetings of the Council, so as to:

- (a) uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- (b) ensure its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of Councillors and the interests of the community; and
- (c) ensure that the Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Councillors who are not on a Committee of the Council may ask questions of the Chair of that Committee.

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