

Council of Canadians Governance Committee 2026 AMM Report

Who we are: As a standing committee of the Council, and in accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Governance Committee currently is comprised of

3 Council of Canadians members-at-large:

- Treena Metallic, Listuguj, Gespe'gewa'gi, Quebec
- Avril Torrence, Penticton, British Columbia
- David Condon, Medicine Hat, Alberta

1 Staff Bargaining Unit representative:

- Eagleclaw Thom, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

- **Staff Management representative:**vacant

2 Board members:

- Summer Fall 2025: Tara Seucharan, Toronto, Ontario: 2026 Norah Fraser*, London, Ontario
- Summer Fall 2025: Vacant; 2026 Marie Dolcetti-Koros, Ottawa, Ontario

*Norah Fraser has most recently been serving as the Committee's facilitator.

Our Work:

Since the Governance Committee was first formed in 2022, it has frequently changed its membership, yet in its early years, it established itself as a useful addition to the Council. The Committee's recommendations have been offered as guidelines for best practices, procedural policies, or bylaws to the appropriate place within the Council for subsequent adoption.

However, since the June 2025 AMM, the Governance Committee has not been able to achieve any of the objectives defined in its Terms of Reference due to the absence of key committee members (other than the members at large identified above). In summer/fall 2025, a change in the Executive Director, the resignation of the Board Chair, absences from the Board of Directors, and limited Council staff – all of these contributed to the Governance Committee not being able to meet. Meetings only resumed in Feb. 2026 and have recommended strategies to improve Board/Chapter communication.

Still and all, with the June 2026 AMM, new members on the Board of Directors, and newly hired staff, the Governance Committee 26/27 looks forward to fulfilling its role as originally intended.