

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
**Toronto Central Council Board Committee**  
Annual Report—Governance Committee  
Fiscal Year Ending March 2016

**Mandate:** To identify best practices in the governance of a not-for-profit organization and make recommendations to the Board that will ensure compliance with the by-laws, policies and procedures of the Board and the spirit of the Rule.

**Committee Members (include dates of service)**

Bey Grieve (chair, Oct. 2012-)	Vice-President, Board	2008-
Bill Greenwood	Humber Valley PC President	2013-
Ed Koen ( past chair)	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary conference	2002-2004 & 2007-
Mike McGinnis	Etobicoke PC President	February, 2016-
Phil Taylor	Past President, Toronto North PC	October, 2012-
Louise Coutu	Executive Director	

**Successes/Progress in the Past Year:**

1. Recruited an additional Board member for the Committee
2. Arranged a Board orientation in March, 2016
3. Proposed amendments to By-law No. 1, including inclusion of the Executive Director as a non-voting officer of the Board, which were approved at the September, 2015 AGM.
4. Implemented a Board-approved process for future PC elections, incorporating more use of the option to elect a PC Board representative (which has been implemented at Scarborough West in the past year) .
5. Got Board approval of the members of an Election Sub-Committee for the 2017 TCC presidential election.
6. Got Board approval of a task force on the organizational structure of TCC at the May, 2016 meeting.
7. Began a review of the governance relationship between TCC and VincentPaul Family Homes Corporation (VPFHC)

**Objectives/Priorities for Next Year:**

1. Recruit additional committee members
2. Continue updating our governance structure (letters patent, by-laws and other articles of incorporation) to comply with the Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 and as follow-up from our Board orientations in May, 2014 and March,2015.
3. Work with the Election Sub-Committee and the Board to ensure that the 2017 TCC presidential election is properly carried out.
4. Complete the review of the governance relationship between TCC and VPFHC, with reports to go to both boards.
5. Follow up recommendations of the task force on TCC structure.

**Longer Term Goals:**

1. Make membership on the Board more desirable for Vincentians.
2. Increase the number of Board members with service on this Committee
3. Make our Board a model for good governance of a non-profit organization

**Comments:** Next year should see a schedule for compliance with the new Corporations act.

**Submitted by:** Bey Grieve (chair)

**Date:** June 30, 2016