
Subject: Citizen Appointments to Sub-committees – Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee

Report to: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Recommendations

1. That the recommendations contained in Confidential Appendix I to Report PDS 23-2023, **BE APPROVED**, confirming the citizen appointments for the remainder of this term of Council to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to appoint public members to the following Advisory Committees:
 - Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Agricultural Policy and Action Committee
 - Women’s Advisory Committee
- Advertisements regarding the above Advisory Committees were available from May 9 to May 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- Staff were committed to a selection process that was consistent with the various Committee’s Terms of Reference and selected candidates that have relevant experience and skills to meaningfully contribute to the success of the committee.
- Confidential Appendix 1 to this Report contains the recommended selection of candidates for appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee.

Financial Considerations

None.

Analysis

An application form to solicit interested members of the public was posted on Niagara Region's website from May 9 until May 23, 2023. Applications were sought for public members for the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women's Advisory Committee. Applications could be completed on the Niagara Region website or provided directly to the Regional Clerk. Advertisements were posted on social media and shared with various community partners to provide extensive outreach to ensure a diverse membership of public members with lived experiences. In total, for all three committees, 27 applications were received.

Applicants were asked the following questions:

- Why are you interested in serving on this Committee?
- Based on the mandate/purpose of the Committee that you are applying for, please list your relevant education, credentials, and/or professional skills that will assist this Committee.
- Describe your experience (work related, community service oriented, or special interest) which illustrates the skills or abilities you may contribute to the Committee.
- What is your experience on committees, boards, or with governing bodies? List applicable organizations and outline your responsibilities with each one.
- Explain why your appointment would benefit this Committee and the residents of Niagara.

Staff liaisons for each committee reviewed the applications to select candidates that had relevant experience and/or skills to meaningfully contribute and provide a broad perspective on issues the committee might consider as well as represent the diversity of the Region and achieve the Committees' mandates.

The recommended appointees for the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women's Advisory Committee are attached as Confidential Appendix 1 to this report for consideration.

Committee Mandates

Accessibility Advisory Committee

This Committee has been established to advise Regional Council on Municipal requirements as contained in the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* and *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, including the preparation of a five-year accessibility plan.

Agricultural Policy and Action Committee

This Committee has been established to advise Regional Council on issues that impact the agricultural industry and support Regional Council, reporting through the Planning and Economic Development Committee, by initiating, developing, implementing, and participating in actions and strategies needed to advance the agricultural industry and preserve the agricultural land base throughout the Niagara Region

Women's Advisory Committee

The mandate of the Committee is to make recommendations with a gender lens to policy development and implementation using evidence based decision making in relation to Council policies, priorities and decisions.

Alternatives Reviewed

None.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Pending the development of Council's new strategic priorities.

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

Confidential Appendix 1 Recommended Citizen Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women's Advisory Committee