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**Subject:** Citizen Appointments to Sub-committees – Agricultural Policy & Action Committee, Culture Committee, Smarter Niagara Steering Committee

**Report to:** Planning and Economic Development Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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## **Recommendations**

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Appendix I to Report PDS 25-2019, **BE APPROVED**, confirming the citizen appointments for the remainder of this term of Council to the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee, Culture Committee and Smarter Niagara Steering Committee.

## **Key Facts**

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- On September 13, 2018, Council authorized the extension of existing sub-committee citizen appointments until no later than May 31, 2019, pending the completion of a committee review included in the independent external governance audit being conducted by Dr. Andrew Sancton.
- On December 6, 2018, Dr. Sancton provided recommendations resulting from the committee review as part of his First Report to Council (CL-C 72-2018)
- The practice has been for the staff representative(s) responsible for a subcommittee to meet with all or some of the Regional Councillors appointed to that subcommittee for the purposes of reviewing submitted applications and recommending candidates for appointment.
- This Report contains the recommended selection of candidates for appointment to the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee, Culture Committee and Smarter Niagara Steering Committee.

## **Financial Considerations**

The financial implications relating to the appointment process of advisory committee members include the use of administrative resources and staff and Councillors' time required to review applications for consideration.

## Analysis

At the Council meeting of September 13, 2018, Council approved the following recommendations from Report GM 19-2018 with respect to the citizen appointments to sub-committees:

1. That the existing citizen appointments to Council's current sub-committees, **BE EXTENDED** until no later than May 31, 2019, pending completion of the Committee review and that where appointees are unable to continue, the quorum for the committees be adjusted accordingly to reflect the reduced number of members.

The practice has been for the staff representative(s) responsible for a sub-committee to meet with all or some of the Regional Councillors appointed to that sub-committee for the purpose of reviewing the submitted applications and recommending candidates for appointment.

The recommended appointments for the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee, Culture Committee and Smarter Niagara Steering Committee are attached as Confidential Appendix I to this report for consideration.

## Alternatives Reviewed

None.

## Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

N/A – Pending the development of Council's new Strategic Priorities.

## Other Pertinent Reports

- GM 19-2018, dated September 13, 2018, respecting Extension of Sub-Committee Citizen Appointments
- CL-C 72-2018, dated December 6, 2018, respecting Niagara Region Independent External Governance Auditor First Report
- CLK 05-2019, dated February 20, 2019, respecting Recommendations from Independent External Governance Auditor – First Report

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## **Appendices**

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Appendix I

Recommended Citizen Appointments to the Agricultural Policy and  
Action Committee, Culture Committee and Smarter Niagara  
Steering Committee