

Staff Report

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Report To: General Government Committee

Date of Meeting: November 30, 2020 Report Number: LGS-004-20

Submitted By: Rob Maciver, Director of Legislative Services

Reviewed By: Andrew C. Allison, CAO By-law Number:

File Number: Resolution#:

Report Subject: Appointments to Boards & Committees

Recommendations:

1. That Report LGS-004-20 be received;

- 2. That the Committee consider the applications for appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Diversity Advisory Committee, and the Newcastle Village Community Hall Board, in accordance with the Appointment to Boards and Committees Policy; and
- **3.** That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-004-20 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Report Overview

This report is intended to provide background information, regarding vacancies on various boards and committees to assist in the appointment process.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Municipality of Clarington has several Boards, Committees and appointments, which expire with the term of Council. However, there are currently vacancies on some of the Boards and Committees.
- 1.2 In accordance with the policy, when a vacancy occurs if there are no applicants on file, the Clerk's Division placed an advertisement for the vacancies in the local newspapers and on the Municipality's website, www.clarington.net/Committees. Current members of all boards and committees were contacted about the vacancies as well.
- 1.3 In an effort to extend the reach of our advertisements for vacancies, the Clerk's Division had created a profile on the www.claringtonvolunteers.ca website. Vacancies on the various Boards and Committees mentioned in this report were listed as separate opportunities on the Clarington Volunteers website. For the period between October 28, 2020 and November 13, 2020 (most recent advertising time period), the page generated interest from two possible applicants.
- 1.4 As per the "Appointment to Boards & Committees Policy", the applications have been included in a confidential matrix, which has been attached at the front of each of the applications for the respective Boards and Committees.

2. Diversity Advisory Committee

Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the Diversity Advisory Committee is to provide advice, comments and recommendations on issues affecting diversity to foster awareness, reduce barriers, promote inclusion and engage our residents. The Committee strives toward a safe, welcoming and inclusive Clarington, where differences are celebrated, and the voices of all peoples are heard.
- 2.2 The Committee is compromised of eight members, including two youth (ages 16 to 24 years) and one Council Representative.

Current Situation

- 2.3 The members are appointed in four-year terms, with the exception of three members of the inaugural committee who will serve a two-year term.
- 2.4 Currently, the Committee has four members who were appointed for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020. Therefore, the Committee may appoint four members to the Diversity Advisory Committee for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.
- 2.5 The following individuals have put forward an application for consideration:
 - Belva Lukascovics (Moving to Clarington, Ward 2, on December 11, 2020)
 - Dione Valentine
 - Lyndsay Riddoch
 - Meera MacDonald
 - Nadia Nembhard-Hunt (Late)
 - Yasmin Shafi (Youth)

3. Agricultural Advisory Committee

Background

- 3.1 The Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington (AACC) is a volunteer advisory committee established by the Municipality of Clarington Council to assist the Municipality of Clarington in its efforts to identify, review, discuss and make recommendations to Council on agricultural related issues.
- 3.2 The Committee is comprised of ten members (one from the Durham Federation of Agriculture) plus one Council representative. The members are selected to provide an appropriate representation of various farming interests (dairy, beef, apple, greenhouse, cash crops, hog, poultry, etc.)

Current Situation

- 3.3 The terms are staggered by appointing half of the membership, every two years, for four-year terms.
- 3.4 Currently, the AACC has four members who were appointed for a four-year term ending December 31, 2020. Therefore, the Committee may appoint four members to the AACC for a four-year term ending December 31, 2024.
- 3.5 The following individuals have put forward an application for consideration:
 - Brenda Metcalf
 - Henry Zekveld
 - Jordan McKay
 - Ryan Cullen

4. Newcastle Village Community Hall Board

- 4.1 The Board oversees and manages the operation of the Newcastle Village Community Hall, which is located at 20 King St. W., Newcastle.
- 4.2 The Board consists of two Members of Council plus three community members appointed by Council and two members elected by residents.

Current Situation

- 4.3 Council appointments and resident appointments will be appointed, separately, in alternating years, for a two-year term.
- 4.4 Currently, the Board has three members who were appointed for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020. Therefore, Committee may appoint three members to the Newcastle Village Community Hall Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

- 4.5 The following individuals have put forward an application for consideration:
 - Barry Carmichael
 - Elizabeth Cook
 - Henry Corvers
 - Jane Black (Late)
 - Sierd de Jong (Late)
 - Yasmin Shafi

5. Concurrence

Not Applicable.

6. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that Committee consider conducting the vote to make the appointments to the Diversity Advisory Committee, Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington, and the Newcastle Village Community Hall Board at this time.

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Attachment:

Attachment 1 – Confidential Applications (Distributed Separately)

Interested Parties:

The following interested parties will be notified of Council's decision:

All Applicants

All Board/Committee Appointment Contacts