

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – RECRUITMENT OF TWO (2) CITIZEN MEMBERS

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To consider applications received for appointing two (2) citizen members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Report Highlights

- Two (2) citizen members need to be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee to fill the vacancies due to a resignation, and the other due to termination for lack of attendance at three or more scheduled meetings.
- The successful candidates will be advised of their appointments upon Council approval.

Recommendation

1. That Council consider the applications received [Confidential Attachment 1] for appointing two (2) citizen members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Council term ending in November 2022.

Background

At its meeting of April 20, 2021, Council adopted the following recommendation from the Committee of the Whole – Item 11, Report No. 14, to fill a vacancy caused due to the resignation of a member ([Extract from Council meeting minutes of April 20, 2021](#)):

1. That the Office of the City Clerk be directed to advertise and recruit 1 (one) citizen member to fill the vacancy caused due to the resignation of a member.

Subsequently, at its meeting of May 18, 2021, Council adopted the following recommendation from the Committee of the Whole – Item 12, Report No. 26, to fill a vacancy due to termination of a member for lack of attendance at 3 or more scheduled meetings ([Extract from the Council meeting minutes of May 18, 2021](#)):

1. That the Office of the City Clerk be directed to recruit one (1) citizen member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, utilizing the most cost-effective method/s possible.

The Office of the City Clerk, in collaboration with the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department, coordinated the recruitment process utilizing the City's Social Media platforms.

The deadline for submitting applications was 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021. All applications are provided to Mayor and Members of Council as Confidential Attachment 1.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable

Analysis and Options

The overall mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is to advise Council to support the City's work in identifying and removing barriers to lay the foundation for a barrier-free, inclusive City.

The objectives of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are to:

- advise Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards, and the preparation of accessibility reports
- work on initiatives that promote accessibility
- assist in the preparation and implementation of the City's multi-year Accessibility Plan and
- provide guidance, address and identify the needs of the community by the removal and prevention of barriers in the City of Vaughan's by-laws, facilities, policies, programs, practices, initiatives and services.

In order for the Accessibility Advisory Committee to fulfil its overall mandate and objectives, and for the City to continue in its quest to achieve compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* by 2025, it is advisable for Council to consider filling the two (2) vacancies.

Financial Impact

No new funds are required as the operational expenses are covered within the budget of the Office of the City Clerk.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no Regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

Staff is requesting that Council consider the applications received for appointing two (2) citizen members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Council term ending in November 2022.

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, extension 8281.

Attachment

1. Confidential Attachment – applications received (Mayor and Members of Council only).

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