Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Community Development

Planning Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Anthony Jas

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Date: April 6, 2023

Subject: Citizen Appointment to Municipal Heritage Committee

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. Katherine Smyth be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Committee for the 2022-2026 term; and

2. Lindsay Swackhammer be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Committee for the 2022-2026 term.

Background

Following a general call for membership to Committees of Council for the 2022-2026 term, Council appointed nine (9) members to the Municipal Heritage Committee on December 5, 2022.

The organization of the Municipal Heritage Committee is for up to twelve people representing each electoral ward of Chatham-Kent. The nine (9) members appointed consist of all who applied, resulting in the following Ward representation:

Ward	Member Representation
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	1
5	0
6	7

Comments

Since the appointment of the new Municipal Heritage Committee, two (2) former members have expressed interest in being appointed to the Committee. These former members, who reside in Wards 1 and 6, have served multiple terms on this Committee and have demonstrated strong advocacy, communication and organizational skills. Both have proven to be valuable members of this Committee in the past.

Additionally, on March 20, 2023, a letter of resignation was received by Administration from one (1) Committee member who is a representative of Ward 6.

If the recommendation is approved to appoint two (2) new members, the organization of the Municipal Heritage Committee will comprise of ten (10) members, leaving two (2) vacancies. Ward 1 will also gain representation.

Council was provided details of those requesting appointment to the Municipal Heritage Committee prior to consideration of this recommendation, as per Section 239(2)(b), Municipal Act, 2001.

Areas of Strategic Focus

This report supports the following areas of strategic focus:



Consultation

No consultation was required in the preparation of this report.

Communication

Communication is proposed to be through the inclusion of this report on the Council agenda and related communications.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ)

This report does not have implications related to diversity, equity, inclusion or justice.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation.

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