

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk
Meeting Date: May 30, 2022
Report Code: CR-22-060
Subject: River District Board and Community Services Committee
Member Resignations

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-060 respecting the River District Board and Community Services Committee member resignations, City Council directs staff to:

1. Amend the Board and Committee By-law to:
 - a. remove Peter Reid from the Owen Sound Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management (also known as the River District Board of Management);
 - b. remove Waleed Aslam from the Community Services Committee; and
2. Forgo the recruitment of a River District Board of Management member and Community Services Committee member until the 2023 Board and Committee recruitment cycle.

Highlights:

- Directors on the River District Board of Management serve for the term of Council with the current term ending in November 2022
- The River District Board of Management recommends that City Council not fill the Board vacancy at this time due to the potential upcoming Board election
- Board and Committee recruitment begins in September 2022

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Previous Report/Authority:

[By-law No. 2022-010 – Board and Committee By-law](#)

Background:

The Board and Committee By-law was passed on January 24, 2022. Since its passing, resignations have been received from a member of the River District Board of Management (RDBM) and a member of the Community Services Committee.

Analysis:

River District Board of Management

On May 10, 2022, the City received a letter of resignation from Peter Reid advising that he would be resigning from his Director position on the RDBM effective immediately. The Deputy Clerk informed the RDBM of the resignation at their May 11, 2022 Board meeting. The RDBM elected not to fill the vacancy at this time because of the timing of the potential upcoming RDBM election and the proposed reduction in Board composition from 11 members to 9 members through the draft River District Constitution.

Community Services Committee

On May 17, 2022, the City received a letter of resignation from Waleed Aslam advising that he would be resigning from the Community Services Committee effective immediately. The Community Services Committee Recording Secretary informed the Committee of the resignation at their May 18, 2022 meeting.

The City will be conducting its annual Board and Committee recruitment campaign in September 2022. Due to the timing of the upcoming recruitment process, staff is recommending that the position be left vacant at this time.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communication Strategy:

Following approval of this report, the Board and Committee By-law will be updated to reflect the vacancies on the River District Board of Management and the Community Services Committee.

Consultation:

Director of Community Services

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

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