

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Meeting Date: December 12, 2022
Report Code: CR-22-105
Subject: River District Board Appointments – Public Members

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-105 respecting the appointment of public members to the River District Board, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend Board and Committee By-law No. 2022-010 to appoint the following public members to the River District Board for the term of Council:

- Ron Cole;
- Allegra Deen;
- Kathy Hannen;
- Denis Langlois;
- David Parsons;
- Mathew Quade; and
- Winnifred M. Walcott.

Highlights:

- The River District Board has nine directors: 2 Council representatives and seven public members.
- Public members must be chosen by a vote of the membership and appointed by Council.
- Seven candidates for public positions have been acclaimed.
- Appointing new directors will allow the new Board to convene in January.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Previous Report/Authority:

[River District Board of Management Constitution](#)

Background:

The *Municipal Act, 2001*, s. 204, states that the board of a business improvement area shall be composed of:

- a. One or more directors appointed directly by the municipality; and
- b. The remaining directors are selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area and appointed by the municipality.

The River District operates under a constitution. The River District Constitution prescribes that the membership of the board is set at nine people, with two directors appointed directly by the municipality from amongst Council and the remaining seven directors appointed from anyone who is the owner or tenant of land in the City or an employee of a business operating in the River District.

The term of appointment is the term of Council, with public members continuing in their role until a successor is appointed.

Analysis:

A nomination period was opened in September for the seven public positions on the River District Board, with a vote of the membership planned for mid-November. At the close of nominations, seven candidates were certified and acclaimed. The list of people recommended for appointment by Council comprises this roster of directors-elect.

The appointments are recommended to occur now to allow the new Board to meet in January as per the Council and Committee calendar. The two Council appointments will be made in January for a term to begin February 1, 2023.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Communication Strategy:

The Board and Committee by-law will be amended to reflect the appointments and posted on the City's website. The Administrator for the River District (Deputy Clerk, Stacy Landry) will contact the appointees directly and update the River District website with new appointees.

Consultation:

None

Attachments:

None

Recommended by:

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Tim Simmonds, City Manager

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