

**Date:** 2022-01-18

**Subject:** **Proposed Late-term Appointments to Citizen Advisory Committees**

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**Report Number:** Legislative Services-2022-104

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: **Proposed Late-term Appointments to Citizen Advisory Committees**, to the Committee of Council meeting of February 16, 2022, be received;
2. That the individuals listed in confidential Appendix A to this report be appointed to the Committees indicated, for the remainder of the 2018 - 2022 term of Council, or until successors are appointed; and
3. That the confidential Appendix A to this report become public upon its approval.

**Overview:**

- The Council and Committee decision-making process benefits greatly from the enhanced transparency, and breadth of views and experience provided by inclusion of Citizen Appointees as committee members.
- In the current electronic meeting environment, various advisory committees have experienced a decline in participation from members of the public appointed to serve on them, resulting in scheduled meetings being lost due to inability to achieve quorum.
- These late-term appointments are proposed to assist in the optimal function of the advisory committee process for the remainder of this current term of Council.

**Background:**

The Council and Committee decision-making process benefits greatly from the enhanced transparency, and breadth of views and experience provided by inclusion of Citizen Appointees as committee members.

Unfortunately, and potentially due to the necessary shift to electronic meeting format, various advisory committees have experienced a decline in participation from members of the public appointed to serve on them. This has presented itself though: scheduled meetings being lost due to inability to achieve quorum; minimal interaction amongst members, and a dependence on appointees to embrace and competently integrate electronics into their deliberations.

Electronic meetings by nature tend to be less engaging and can be lacking in the qualities and rewards commonly sought and enjoyed by citizen volunteers. Attrition has taken place resulting in vacancies in committee membership. Alternates appointed at the beginning of the term selected through the regular process have in due course been engaged as replacements, but have now been exhausted.

This matter was brought to the Appointments Committee for consideration, and direction was provided to the City Clerk to: confer with committee chairs as to the need for late-term appointments; and to strike a list of potential candidates for appointment, from among those individuals who had expressed an interest, applied, or who may have already been interviewed by the Appointments Committee, such list to be presented to Council for consideration.

### **Current Situation:**

Hereto attached (as confidential Appendix A) is a list of citizens proposed by the City Clerk to be considered for late-term appointments, in order to facilitate the ongoing operations of the following citizen advisory committees. The notes in brackets identify the current vacancies for each:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (3, with a disability)
- Brampton Age Friendly Advisory Committee (2, 1 senior and 1 youth)
- Brampton School Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (2)
- Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee (2)
- Brampton Heritage Board (4, 1 being from Churchville)
- Brampton Cycle Advisory Committee (2)
- Environment Advisory Committee (2)
- Vehicle for Hire Advisory Committee (3 driver representatives, 2 limousine plate owners, 2 private transportation company representatives)

Should they be appointed, these individuals will be provided orientation by the City Clerk and be invited to participate as a full member in the next and all future meetings of their respective committee, to the conclusion of this current term of Council.

**Corporate Implications:**

Financial Implications: Nil – citizen appointees serve in a volunteer capacity and do not receive remuneration for their involvement.

Other Implications: Nil

**Term of Council Priorities:**

This report achieves the Term of Council Priority of a Well-run City through the establishment of effective and efficient advisory committee membership, participation and procedures to enable informed Council decision-making.

**Conclusion:**

The Council and Committee decision-making process benefits greatly from the enhanced transparency, and breadth of views and experience provided by inclusion of Citizen Appointees as committee members. These suggested late-term appointments are proposed to assist in the continuation of the optimal function of the advisory committee process.

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**Attachments:**

See Confidential Appendix A – Table of Proposed Late-term Appointments to Citizen Advisory Committees (This item is co-listed for consideration on the Closed Session agenda under Section 239 2(b) of the Municipal Act, 2021, in that it relates to identifiable individuals.)