

Staff Report



To	City Council
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Monday, December 14, 2020
Subject	December 2020 Public Appointments – Community Grant Allocation Panel

Recommendation

1. That _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ be appointed to the Community Grant Allocation Panel, for a term ending December, 2021.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To appoint members of the public to the Community Grant Allocation Panel (Panel).

Key Findings

The Community Grant Allocation Panel (previously known as the Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel) provides advise on grant allocations carried out under the [Community Grants Program Policy](#).

The current vacancies are a result of resignations and the recent passing of a committee member.

The staff liaison has reviewed the applications and is recommending the appointees.

The vacancies have been advertised in accordance with the City's [Public Appointment Policy](#).

Financial Implications

None.

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The current vacancies are the result of several recent resignations and the passing of a committee member.

The City Clerk's Office utilized recruitment enhancements identified in staff report titled [November 2020 Public Appointments to Advisory Committee, Local Boards, Agencies, Commissions and Associations](#) dated November 23, 2020, which included a committee webpage redesign, development of a committee specific vacancy posting, an online application process and engagement with community organizations representing traditionally underrepresented groups.

Vacancies were advertised in the Guelph Mercury Tribune on October 15 and 22, 2020, posted on the City's website, circulated to community groups who represent traditionally underrepresented groups on Guelph's committees, and shared on social media. The advertisement included the number of vacancies, the term of appointment, a summary of the duties, the frequency of meetings and staff liaison contact information.

The staff liaison reviewed all applications received and is providing recommendations for the appointments. The closed companion report titled December 2020 Public Appointments – Community Grant Allocation Panel dated December 14, 2020, provides City Council with the staff liaison recommendations.

Community Grant Allocation Panel

Meetings: approximately 10 meetings per year with the meetings taking place between October and March.

The role of the [Community Grant Allocation Panel](#) is to allocate City funding to eligible community benefit organizations through the Community Grant Program to improve the wellbeing of Guelph residents.

The Panel currently consists of eight members of the public. The City Council-approved maximum number of members is 12. The liaison for the Panel is the Manager, Community Investment.

Next Steps

Once appointments have been made, each applicant will receive a letter advising of the outcome of their application and the staff liaison will be advised of the successful candidates.

Financial Implications

None.

Consultations

Staff from the department overseeing the committee were consulted.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This report supports the Strategic Plan – Working Together for our Future priority, by improving how the City communicates with residents and delivers services.

In addition, advisory committees, local boards, agencies, commissions and associations are an important community engagement tool. Ensuring that citizen appointments are made to these groups enables them to continue their work.

Attachments

None.

Departmental Approval

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