

Staff Report



To	City Council
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Monday, January 25, 2021
Subject	January 2021 Director Appointments to the Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Management

Recommendation

1. That _____, _____ and _____ be appointed as directors to the Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022, or until such time as a success is appointed.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To appoint persons to vacant director seats on the Downtown Guelph Business Association (DBGA) Board of Management (Board).

Key Findings

In 2020, three directors resigned from the DBGA Board.

Upon receipt of the resignations, the Board put out a call to the DBGA membership to fill the vacant positions. Seven nominations were received and a vote of the DBGA membership was held.

Three individuals were elected by the DBGA membership to fill the vacant positions.

Appointments are made by City Council in accordance with section 6.7 of the City's Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management By-law being By-law Number (2014)-19694 (the By-Law).

Financial Implications

None.

Report

The current vacancies are a result of recent director resignations from the Board.

Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Management

Meetings: the third Tuesday of every month.

The role of the [Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Management](#) is to ensure that downtown is a vibrant urban center for the community and remains the community's civic, cultural, social and economic center. It also improves business

through the creation of a unique environment downtown and the promotion and advertising of the varied businesses.

Board Composition

Section 6.2 of the By-law sets out the composition of the Board of Management to consists of 12 members as follows:

- a) four directors appointed by Council, as follows:
 - i. Two members of Council, one of which represents Ward 1 and the other representing a Ward other than Ward 1; and,
 - ii. A representative of each of the two members of the Downtown Business Improvement Area who are the property owners assessed the highest levy on an individual rateable property in the Downtown Business Improvement Area; and,
- b) The remaining eight directors selected by a vote of the members and appointed by Council with a minimum of six of such directors to be members or a representative of a corporate member nominated in accordance with subsection 5.2. of By-law (2014)-19694.

The liaison is the Executive Director, Downtown Guelph Business Association.

Director Appointments

Section 6.7 of the By-law sets out the appointment of vacant director seats as follows:

- 6.7 If the seat of a director becomes vacant for any reason, Council may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant director's term. The Board shall make a recommendation to Council regarding the person or person to be appointment.

Upon receipt of the resignations, the Board put out a call to the DGBA membership to fill the three vacant director seats. Seven nominations were received and a vote of the DGBA membership was held in accordance with section 6.2(b) of the By-law.

Three individuals were elected by the DGBA membership to fill the vacant positions.

The Board has provided the names of the successful nominees for City Council appointment through Closed Report January 2021 Director Appointments to Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Management dated January 25, 2021.

Financial Implications

None.

Consultations

Marty Williams, Executive Director, Downtown Guelph Business Association

William Mactaggart, Chair, Downtown Guelph Business Association, Board of Management

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, local boards are an important community engagement tool. Ensuring that public appointments are made to these groups enables them to continue their work.

Attachments

None.

Departmental Approval

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