

Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee – Public Member Resignations and Appointment

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. Thank Sondra Baker and Steven Vaivada for their service on the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee;
2. Appoint one public member to serve on the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee, as contained in Attachment 1, for completion of a term expiring at the 2022 Organizational Meeting of Council;
3. Direct the City Clerk to make the appointment publicly available following candidate notification; and
4. Direct that Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 (personal information) and 19 (confidential evaluations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This report advises Council of two public member resignations from the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (“the Committee”), and the Committee’s short list (Attachment 1) of the preferred candidate to fill one position, for Council’s consideration.
- On 2021 November 15, Council placed applicants on a Reserve List (Attachment 2) for the Committee, including the proposed candidate. Appointing one public member allows the Committee to meet the minimum membership requirement under the Terms of Reference and will allow the Committee to continue to meet its mandate.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? Public member representation on Boards, Commissions and Committees brings specific skills and expertise that contribute to good governance, represent stakeholder groups, and provide a variety of perspectives, which reflect the diversity of the community.
- Why does it matter? Appointing a public member to fill the Committee’s vacancy ensures the Committee has the appropriate membership to provide Council with professional and strategic advice on matters that affect Aboriginal Calgarians, and offer ongoing guidance in relation to the implementation of strategies that advance Aboriginal interests in ways that benefit all Calgarians.
- Strategic Alignment to Council’s Citizen Priorities: A well-run city
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 3.

DISCUSSION

Steven Vaivada and Sondra Baker, both serving as Aboriginal public members on the Committee, resigned in May 2021 and in September 2021, respectively. The City Clerk’s Office was recently informed of the resignations.

The Committee’s Terms of Reference state that the Committee’s membership shall be “a minimum of 12 members and a maximum of 14 members of the community, and at least 60 per cent plus 1 should be Aboriginal”.

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The City Clerk's Office shared the applications of the public members placed on the Reserve List with the Chair, Vice-Chair and the administrative resource for the Committee. The Committee then formed itself into a "Selection Committee" to review the applications.

The Committee is proposing that only one of the two vacancies be filled, and that this vacancy be filled by an Aboriginal applicant placed on the Reserve List. This will meet the minimum membership and composition requirements of the Terms of Reference. The recommended candidate is contained in Attachment 1.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- Public Engagement was undertaken
- Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- Public/Stakeholders were informed
- Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

The process followed during the selection process and the Committee Chair's rationale for the recommended candidate is contained in Attachment 1. Applications from all Reserve List candidates who are eligible and available to serve are included in Attachment 2.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Not Applicable.

Environmental

Not Applicable.

Economic

Not Applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

RISK

No risks identified.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Short List (CONFIDENTIAL)
2. Reserve List Applications (CONFIDENTIAL)
3. Previous Council Direction, Background

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