Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee – Public Member Appointment

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

- 1. Appoint one public member to serve on the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee, as contained in Attachment 1, for a two-year term expiring at the 2023 Organizational Meeting of Council;
- 2. Direct the City Clerk to make the appointment publicly available following candidate notification; and
- 3. Direct that Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) and 19 (Confidential evaluations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

HIGHLIGHTS

- A public member recently declined an appointment to the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee ("the Committee"). The Committee is recommending a candidate from the Reserve List to fill the vacancy (Attachment 1), for Council's consideration.
- On 2021 November 15, Council placed applicants on a Reserve List for the Committee (Attachment 2). Filling the public member vacancy meets the minimum membership requirements under the Committee's Terms of Reference and will allow the Committee to continue to meet its mandate.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? Public representation on Boards, Commissions and Committees brings specific skills and expertise that contribute to good governance, represent stakeholder groups, provide a variety of perspectives, and reflect the diversity of the community.
- Why does this 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

The Committee's Terms of Reference state that membership "shall be made up of 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". The Committee currently has 11 members (eight Aboriginal and three Non-Aboriginal). The Terms of Reference also provide for a two-year staggered system, where half the Committee's term expires in year one, the other half in year two.

On 2022 February 15, Council appointed a public member to the Committee. On 2022 March 2, the City Clerk's Office was notified that the appointee declined the appointment, which left a vacancy on the Committee.

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To meet the minimum membership requirement and the staggered term length defined in the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee is recommending the appointment of an Aboriginal applicant placed on the Reserve List for a two-year term expiring on 2023 October 31. 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 selection process followed 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. Recommended Candidate (CONFIDENTIAL)
- 2. Reserve List Applications (CONFIDENTIAL)
- 3. Previous Council Direction, Background

Department Circulation

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