

Law and Legislative Services Report to
Combined Meeting of Council
2019 February 25

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BiodiverCity Advisory Committee – Resignation and Appointment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration received notification that Tawad Hlimi, a public member representing the technical industry or research field on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee, has resigned. This report presents Public Members for Council's consideration to fill the position.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. Thank Tawad Hlimi for his service on the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee;
2. Appoint a new Public Member to the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee from the Reserve List contained in Attachment 2, for completion of a term expiring at the 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council;
3. Direct that the Report and Attachment 1 be released as public documents after Council rises and reports on the matter; and
4. Direct that Attachment 2 remain confidential indefinitely pursuant to Sections 17 (personal information) and 19 (confidential evaluations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2018 October 22 Organizational Meeting, Council appointed Tawad Hlimi to the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee, as a public member representing the technical industry or research field, for a term expiring at the 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND

Council policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03), Section 5.18.3:

Upon notification of a vacancy, the City Clerk's Office shall contact the Reserve List applicants to determine if the applicants are still interested and available to serve as a Public Member. The resulting Reserve List will be submitted to Council and may be used to fill the vacancy.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

On 2019 January 24, Tawad Hlimi informed the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee members and the City Clerk's Office of his resignation, effective immediately.

At the 2018 October 22 Organizational Meeting, Council placed applicants on a Reserve List for the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee. The Council policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03), Section 3.1(u) provides that the "list of applicants adopted by Council may be used to fill a vacancy that occurs as a result of a Public Member not finishing a term".

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference expand the requirements for the representative of the technical industry or research field to include the following:

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“(…) members who represent the technical industry or research field with a background in biology, ecology, horticulture, applicable field in engineering (e.g. waste management, storm water management, hydrology, etc.), planning, economics, community health, recreational management or similar”.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

On 2019 January 25, Administration contacted the applicants placed on the Reserve List, to confirm their availability and sustained interest in the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee. The applicants who expressed a continued interest are provided in Attachment 2.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with Council’s priority of a Well-Run City: “Calgary has a modern and efficient municipal government that is focused on resilience and continuous improvement to make life better every day for Calgarians by learning from citizens, partners, and others” (One Calgary 2019-2022).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

No social, environmental, or external economic implications have been identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

None.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

None.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appointments by Council of Public Members is required to align with the composition and quorum requirements defined in the Terms of Reference for the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BiodiverCity Advisory Committee – composition
2. Reserve List Applicants (CONFIDENTIAL)