

Chinatown District Business Improvement Area – Board Appointments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the proposed Chinatown District Business Improvement Area board membership for the 2018 / 2019 term.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Appoint the individuals listed in the Attachment as board members for the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area for the 2018/2019 term;
2. Direct that retiring board members receive a letter from the Mayor thanking them for their service; and
3. Direct that the Attachment remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 and 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until Council rises and reports on this matter.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2017 December 18 Regular Meeting of Council, Council appointed board members to ten of the twelve business improvement areas (BIAs). The names of the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area's proposed board members for the 2018 / 2019 term were not included in Report C2017-1169 as the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area had not yet held its Annual General Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The *Municipal Government Act* ("MGA"), RSA 2000 c. M-26, provides that a Council may by bylaw establish a business improvement area for one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) improving, beautifying and maintaining property in the business improvement area;
- (b) developing, improving and maintaining public parking;
- (c) promoting the business improvement area as a business or shopping area.

Section 51(1) of the *MGA* provides that a business improvement area is governed by a board consisting of members appointed by Council under the business improvement area bylaw. Section 51(2) provides that the board is a corporation.

The *MGA* provides that the Minister may make regulations respecting the appointment, term and renewal of members of the board of a BIA. BIAs are regulated by the *Business Improvement Area Regulation*, Alberta Regulation 93/2016, which provides the following:

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- 6 (1) A board established for a business improvement area must consist of individuals nominated by one or more taxpayers in the zone.
- (2) A council may also appoint one or more councillors to be members of a board.
- (3) A council may only revoke the appointment of a board member who was nominated by a taxpayer if the revocation is recommended by the board.

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

In accordance with the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area Bylaw (Bylaw 43M2015, as amended), the board of the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 9 members. Members of the board shall be appointed by resolution of Council and the board must consist of individuals who have been nominated by one or more taxpayers in the BIA. The proposed board membership list, established by the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area for appointment by Council, is detailed in the Attachment.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

In 2018 February, Administration received the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area proposed board membership list for presentation to Council for appointment.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with Council's priority of a well-run city: "Calgary's government is open, responsive, accountable and transparent, delivering excellent services at a fair price. We work with our government partners to ensure we have the tools we need" (*Action Plan 2015-2018*).

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:

In accordance with the *MGA*, Council approval is required for the appointment of members to the Chinatown District Business Improvement Area.

ATTACHMENT

1. Chinatown District BIA – Proposed 2018 / 2019 Board membership