

August 26, 2013

To: His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

Re: Appointments to the Mayor's Housing Commission and Regina Library Board

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- AUGUST 14, 2013**

1. That Mr. Robert Byers from Namerind House and Mr. Malcolm Neil from Ranch Ehrlo Society be nominated to the Mayor's Housing Commission for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until their successors are appointed.
2. That Mr. Blair Forster be appointed as the local developer and Mr. Terry Canning be appointed as the local builder as nominated by the Regina and Region Homebuilders' Association for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until their successors are appointed.
3. That Mr. Tim Gross be appointed as the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation representative for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until his successor is appointed.
4. That Pastor Jerven Weekes be nominated to serve on the Regina Public Library Board for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – AUGUST 14, 2013

The Committee adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendation contained in the report after amending recommendations #1 and #4 to read as follows:

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4. That Pastor Jerven Weekes be nominated to serve on the Regina Public Library Board for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Mayor Michael Fougere, Councillors: Sharron Bryce, Bryon Burnett, John Findura, Shawn Fraser, Bob Hawkins, Wade Murray, Mike O'Donnell and Barbara Young were present during consideration of this report by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, at the **PRIVATE** session of its meeting held on August 14, 2013, considered the following report from the City Clerk:

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Executive Committee nominate two non-profit organizations and representatives to the Mayor's Housing Commission for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until their successors are appointed.
2. That Mr. Blair Forster be appointed as the local developer and Mr. Terry Canning be appointed as the local builder as nominated by the Regina and Region Homebuilders' Association for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until their successors are appointed.
3. That Mr. Tim Gross be appointed as the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation representative for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 or until his successor is appointed.
4. That Executive Committee nominate one citizen to serve on the Regina Public Library Board for a term effective September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

CONCLUSION

On June 10, 2013, City Council established the Mayor's Housing Commission as a main committee of City Council. As follow up to this decision, City Council is required to appoint a local developer and builder as nominated by the Regina and Region Homebuilders' Association, a representative from the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and representatives from two non-profit organizations.

There was also a vacancy on the Regina Public Library Board that requires Council to make an appointment by the next Council meeting after the vacancy occurs.

BACKGROUND

Organization appointments are required annually to fill vacancies on various committees. The purpose of this report is to facilitate appointments required for the newly established Mayor's Housing Commission and the vacancy on the Regina Public Library Board.

DISCUSSION

Mayor's Housing Commission

The Mayor's Housing Commission will guide the City's affordable housing initiatives and implementation of the City's Comprehensive Housing Strategy. The Commission will also identify and recommend practical solutions for affordable and attainable housing in Regina.

The purpose of the Commission is to distill information gathered at the Housing Summit and to develop practical solutions to inform the City in addressing pressing housing needs. Additional responsibilities will include identification of constraints to housing growth and recommendations for practical ways to alleviate housing issues, from rental, affordable housing to social and market housing.

The Commission will also review best practices, determine priorities, shape and enhance policy and set goals, such as vacancy rates and targets.

On June 10, 2013, City Council formally established the Mayor's Housing Commission through Bylaw No. 2009-40 being The Committee Bylaw. The next step in the process is to appoint members to the Commission.

As the name of which two non-profit organizations to be appointed were not identified, an advertisement occurred in the Leader Post on July 6 and 13, 2013 inviting non-profit organizations to submit a letter of interest. The deadline for the submission was set at July 15, 2013. Executive Committee is required to review these submissions and recommend two non-profit organization representatives for appointment.

Further, as the Commission does not have citizen members listed in the composition, nominating committees were not utilized. Aside from the advertisement of non-profit vacancies, organizations identified in the terms of reference were contacted and invited to participate and nominate an individual to represent their interests. The deadline for submission was also July 15, 2013. Executive Committee is required to nominate two non-profit organizations to serve on the Commission.

Letters from both the Regina and Region Homebuilders' Association and the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation were received the week of July 22, 2013 identifying their nominations. These are captured in the recommendations of the report. Typically Council does not change the nomination of those put forward from external organizations.

Regina Public Library Board

The Regina Public Library Board is responsible for the operation of public libraries and sets policy for the management of the Regina Public Library as set out under *The Public Libraries Act, 1996*.

On June 24, 2013, Jeff Barber, Executive Director of the Regina Public Library advised of the resignation of Ms. Darlene Hincks Joehnck. *The Public Libraries Act, 1996* requires City Council to appoint a new member at the first Council meeting following the resignation.

As vacancies for the Board are advertised, and given the length of time that has passed since the last advertisement was conducted, it was not possible to make this appointment at the July 8, 2013 City Council meeting.

Advertisement of the vacancy occurred in the Leader Post on July 6 and 13, 2013 with an application deadline set at July 15, 2013. Executive Committee is required to review those applications and recommend one individual for appointment.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

There were minimal costs associated with the advertisement of these vacancies.

Environmental Implications

There are no other implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

Serving on a committee of Council is both a privilege and means for the public to communicate with Council on behalf of the community. The time, effort and expertise members dedicate to committees of Council is invaluable and contributes significantly to Council's vision.

Accessibility Implications

There is no accessibility implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Other Implications

There are no other implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Once City Council has finalized the appointments, the following communications will take place:

1. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their applications.
2. An orientation will be held for new committee members prior to their first committee meeting. This session provides information on committee meetings, agendas, the Procedure Bylaw and related matters. The orientation also includes a review of committee and administrative structures and how to access information on other committees.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Citizen and organizational appointments require the approval of City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joni Swidnicki, Secretary