

Appointment of Citizens to the Older Adult and Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panels

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Report Summary

This report sets out the procedure for the appointment of citizens to the Older Adult and Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory panels.

Resolutions

Resolution 1:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints _____ to the Older Adult Advisory Panel as a representative aged 50+, for the term ending November 14, 2026, as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment of Citizens to the Older Adult and Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panels", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Nominating Committee on April 23, 2024.

Resolution 2:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints Kathy Dokis to the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory panel as a representative of the Indigenous Community for the term ending November 14, 2026, as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment of Citizens to the Older Adult and Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panels", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Nominating Committee meeting on April 23, 2024.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report refers to operational matters.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

At the Nominating Committee of January 30, 2023, Catherine Walton was appointed to serve as a citizen representative who is 50+ on the older Adult Advisory Panel. In January of 2024, Clerk's Services was advised that Ms. Walton was no longer able to fulfill her duties as a panel member.

Additionally, in February of 2023, two citizens were appointed to serve as representatives of the Indigenous Community on the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panel. In the fall of 2023, Clerk's Services was advised that one of the two individuals appointed, Ms. Autumn Lewis no longer wished to serve on the panel.

As a result of the resignations, the Nominating Committee is being asked to fill the vacancies on the above noted panels, the terms of which coincide with the term of Council ending November 14, 2026, or until their mandate is achieved.

Selection

Older Adult Advisory Panel

A number of previously appointed individuals have stepped down from this panel throughout the year. As such the pool of remaining applicants has been depleted. Given the circumstances the decision was made to return to a public call to fill the vacancy. The remaining individuals who had previously applied to serve on the panel were contacted and advised that the application forms would be posted publicly.

During the recruitment, social media and newspaper advertisements were included as part of the campaign and fillable online applications forms were also made available via the City of Greater Sudbury's website. Paper application forms could also be requested by email, telephone or in person at One-Stop Services or any Citizen Service Centre.

A deadline of April 5, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. was set to receive applications to fill the required positions. Application packages for those who completed and submitted the required application have been provided to members of Council under separate cover.

Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panel

The process to fill the vacant seat left by Ms. Lewis proved somewhat challenging as previous applicants were not able to demonstrate the required background and experience for the position or were not able to dedicate the time required for the role. Given the nature of the position, and the delay in filling the role due to various challenges the Panel independently canvassed Indigenous Community members and stakeholders and as a result of these efforts the Panel is recommending the appointment of Kathy Dokis to fill the vacancy.

Appointment

The selection of these positions is to be conducted in accordance with the City of Greater Sudbury's Procedure By-law. Council's procedure requires that in the event more candidates are nominated for the required position, that position will be chosen by simultaneous recorded vote. Requests for simultaneous recorded votes are conducted by way of electronic vote, however, the electronic vote system does not have the functionality for dealing with appointments. Accordingly, the By-law provides that paper ballots are to be used for members that are attending in person and members participating virtually are to provide their votes to the Clerk in writing.

Older Adult Advisory Panel

The Nominating Committee is being asked to select one (1) citizen to fill the vacancy in the 50+ age category.

Seven (7) applications are submitted to the Committee for their consideration to fill the vacant position. The applicants are as follows: Donald Blackwell, Linda Carter, Peter Edmunds, Mary Wendy Jones, Marek Kasuski, Adejare Oduwole, and Birgit Pianosi.

Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Panel

The Nominating Committee is being asked to confirm the appointment of Kathy Dokis as recommended by the members of the Community Safety Well-Being Advisory to fill the vacancy in the representative from the Indigenous Community category.

Resources Cited

City of Greater Sudbury Procedure By-law 2019-50: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/by-laws/>

City of Greater Sudbury Committees of Council and Advisory Panels By-law 2023-31: <https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=48825>