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Staff Report CL2022-032

Title of Report: CL2022-032 – Council Members 2022-2026
Committee and Board Appointments

Department: Clerks

Branch: Legislative and Council Services

Council Date: December 7, 2022

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CL2022-032 for information; and
That Council appoint the following members to the Township of Southgate's Committees and Local Boards to coincide with the 2022-2026 Term of Council:

1. Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library Board:
Councillor Martin Shipston, Councillor Joan John;
2. Police Services Board:
Mayor Brian Milne, Councillor Jim Ferguson;
3. Public Liaison Committee:
Councillor Jim Ferguson;
4. Recreation Advisory Committee:
Deputy Mayor Dobreen, Councillor Jason Rice;
5. Community Fund Management Committee:
Deputy Mayor Barbara Dobreen, Councillor Monica Singh Soares;
6. Affordable-Attainable Housing Committee:
Councillor Martin Shipston, Councillor Joan John;
7. Wellington-North Recreation Advisory Committee:
Councillor Jim Ferguson;
8. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board:
Deputy Mayor Barbara Dobreen;
9. Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Board:
Councillor Monica Singh Soares;
10. Grey County Farm Safety Association:
Councillor Jason Rice;
11. Lystek Public Advisory Committee:
Deputy Mayor Barbara Dobreen;
12. Mount Forest Doctor Recruitment Committee:
Mayor Brian Milne;
13. Upper Grand Liaison Committee:
Deputy Mayor Barbara Dobreen; and

That Councillor Martin Shipston be appointed as the Alternate County of Grey Council Representative; and

That Council disband the Fire Department Advisory and Support Committee.

Background:

Council appointments to committees and local boards are in effect from 2022-2026, mirroring the Term of Council. With the new term of Council comes the requirement to appoint new members to respective boards and committees.

Staff Comments:

Staff requested members interest in appointments to the committees and boards ahead of time and have taken those requests and tried our best to include everyone's while remaining as fair to everyone as possible. Staff have also assigned members to some committee and boards that were not included in initial requests and welcome discussion and amendment if necessary.

Initially staff indicated that we would be researching some of the past committees we have always appointed a member to but seemed to be inactive to see if an appointment was still necessary. Staff have determined that appointing members to the Centre Grey Physician Recruitment Committee, DWQMS Committee and the Southgate Solar Liaison Committee was not necessary anymore and therefore are not included. The Centre Grey Physician Recruitment Committee and the Southgate Solar Liaison Committee have been disbanded and the DWQMS Committee is a staff only committee with the Mayor attending as ex-officio.

Staff did not include a Council appointment for the Youth Action Committee as done in the past and recommend that that committee continue as a staff supported Committee with recreation programming and Library staff supports.

Staff did not include Council appointments for the Fire Department Advisory and Support Committee and recommend disbanding the committee at this time. Historically, the committee met on an as-needed basis only for specific issues and staff do not see a need in the committee continuing. Staff will continue to come to Council for Fire Department related discussions and decisions as necessary.

As discussed at the November 23, 2022, Special Council meeting, members support Mayor Guy Gardhouse of the Municipality of East Garafraxa to continue as the appointed member of the Grand River Conservation Authority Board on behalf of the combined municipalities of Southgate, East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Melancthon and the Town of Grand Valley. Some of the other Council's have not met yet to discuss if any other member is interested. Once a final determination is made on a member, staff will return to Council with that appointment in a separate report.

Financial Implications:

Financial implications to the Township is members per-diems for attendance at most Committee and Board meetings throughout the year.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments:

That Council approve of the appointments to Committees and Local Boards for the 2022-2026 Terms of Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: *Original Signed By*
Lindsey Green, Clerk

CAO Approval: *Original Signed By*
Dave Milliner, CAO

Attachments: None