Councillor Appointments and Proxy

River Valley Alliance

Recommendation

1. That Councillors S. Hamilton and _____ be appointed to the River Valley Alliance Board of Directors as the City of Edmonton representatives for the term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2020 to the Annual General Meeting in 2021.

2. That Mayor D. Iveson and Councillors S. Hamilton and _____, in that order, be designated to serve as the City of Edmonton's proxy holder to act on behalf of the City of Edmonton at General Meetings (or Annual, Special or Extraordinary as the case may be) of the River Valley Alliance.

3. That Mayor D. Iveson, on behalf of the City of Edmonton, sign the River Valley Alliance proxy form contained in Attachment 1 of the March 9, 2020, Office of the City Manager report CR_8035.

Clerk's Note: If City Council wishes to discuss this report in private, then Council may do so pursuant to sections 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) and 24 (advice from officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Executive Summary

This report provides for the appointment of two members of Council to the River Valley Alliance Board of Directors and for a new City of Edmonton Proxy.

Report

The River Valley Alliance is a not-for-profit organization made up of the seven shareholder municipalities that border the North Saskatchewan River in the Edmonton region: the Town of Devon, Parkland County, Leduc County, the City of Edmonton, Strathcona County, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, and Sturgeon County. The goal of the Alliance is to preserve, protect and enhance the river valley park system by connecting the trail system and making it easier for all to access and enjoy.

The River Valley Alliance Board of Directors is comprised of eight Municipal Directors, seven directors-at-large, and the Chair of the River Valley Alliance Advisory Committee. Each shareholder municipality appoints one Councillor to the role of Municipal Director, except for the City of Edmonton, which appoints two.

In accordance with article 33 of the River Valley Alliance's articles of association, the term of appointment for Municipal Directors is one year. The term commences at the close of the Annual General Meeting and expires at the following Annual General Meeting. The articles of association do not set out a maximum term of service for Municipal Directors. It has been Council's practice to rely on the six-year maximum term of service set out in City Policy C575C, Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Councillors S. Hamilton and M. Walters are currently the City of Edmonton's Municipal Directors. Councillor S. Hamilton was first appointed in October 2017 and is interested in and eligible for reappointment. Councillor M. Walters, who was first appointed in October 2013, is no longer eligible to serve and should now be replaced. At the writing of this report, more than one Councillor was interested in the appointment.

Once Council appoints a new member of Council to serve on the Board of Directors, a new proxy is required to reflect the names of the current appointees. Mayor D. Iveson holds the first proxy position as the head of City Council.

The next annual general meeting for the River Valley Alliance is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Supports Council in achieving its vision through internal and external connections.			
Outcome(s)	**Measure(s)**	**Result(s)**	**Target(s)**
The appointment of Councillors to the River Valley Alliance Board of Directors provides City Council with opportunities to ensure Council's priorities and vision are understood.	Number of members of Council appointments made during Council term.	TBD	100% of appointments are made.

Attachments

1. River Valley Alliance City of Edmonton Proxy

Others Reviewing this Report

- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor