

Appointment of a Councillor Advisor

Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Recommendation

That Councillor _____ be appointed as a Councillor advisor for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee for a term ending at the Council Organizational Meeting in 2021, providing the Councillor remains a member of Council throughout the appointment.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the January 23, 2020, Community and Public Services Committee meeting the following motion was passed:

That Administration bring a report to the February 3, 2020, City Council meeting to appoint a Councillor Advisor for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.

Executive Summary

This report provides for the appointment of a Councillor advisor to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, which was established on September 10, 2019.

Report

The Anti-Racism Advisory Committee was established by Bylaw 18970 on September 10, 2019. Its mandate is to provide advice to Council regarding community perspectives on issues relating to racism, including but not limited to:

- (a) diversity;
- (b) discrimination;
- (c) hate and extremism;
- (d) racial equity;
- (e) xenophobia;
- (f) islamophobia;
- (g) antisemitism; and
- (h) the lived experiences of persons of colour.

The Anti-racism Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to 13 members appointed by City Council. Community and Public Services Committee (“the Committee”) acts as the selection committee for the Anti-racism Advisory Committee. The Committee has

shortlisted candidates, whom they will interview on February 6, 2020, and feels it is now time to appoint a Councillor advisor to the Anti-racism Advisory Committee.

Section 10 of Policy C575C defines the role a Councillor advisor as follows:

(f) The role of a Councillor advisor is to provide a consistent connection to Council advisory committees from Council so that the committees know who to contact when they have questions around reporting to Council and interpreting Council directions. Serving as an advisor does not delegate authority to an advisor to direct the work of a committee. As with other appointments, a Councillor advisor will be the go-to person when other Councillors have questions about an advisory committee.

While City Policy C575C requires that City Council appoint one Councillor advisor per advisory committee, it should be noted that City Council has approved two advisors for each of the following: the City of Edmonton Youth Council and the Energy Transition Climate Resilience Advisory Committee. Council's practice has been to appoint Council advisors for the remainder of the Council term.

Public Engagement

Public engagement for this appointment is not required as only a member of Council may fill the position.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Conditions of Success			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
The appointment of a Councillor Advisor for the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee provides City Council with a direct link to its advisory committee.	Number of Councillor Advisor appointments required: 1	To be determined	1 appointment to the end of the current Council term