

Region of Waterloo
Planning, Development, and Legislative Services
Council and Administrative Services

To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: April 19, 2023
Report Title: 2023 Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation Appointments

1. Recommendation

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo ratify the following appointments to the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation in accordance with report PDL-CAS-23-002, dated April 19, 2023:

- a) Heidi Peller-Oliver for a term ending June 2026
- b) Susan Burke for a term ending June 2026

2. Purpose / Issue:

On March 28, 2023, at its monthly meeting, the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation (WRHF) appointed two new members: H. Peller-Oliver and S. Burke.

3. Strategic Plan:

The recommendation for the appointment of directors to the Foundations promotes Focus Area 5 of the Strategic Plan – Responsive and Engaging Public Service and Strategic Imperative, Balance of Rural and Urban Communities.

4. Report Highlights:

- Reason for Ratification

WRHF is incorporated under the *Corporations Act*, however it is still classified as a Local Board under the *Municipal Act*. According to the by-laws of the Foundation, elections and/or appointments are reviewed and voted on by the members of the Board. Once appointed by the Foundation the appointments are required to be ratified by Council.

- WRHF Appointment Process

The Foundation follows the criteria for directors as outlined in the Foundations Bylaw. The WRHF had four (4) vacancies to be filled due to the ending of terms

and resignations. Two (2) applications were received. Consideration was given to residency in Waterloo Region; and commitment, understanding, interest, and background in heritage matters.

5. Background:

The Foundation consists of twelve (12) Directors, which includes ten (10) directly elected members and two (2) Regional Councillors (Natasha Salonen and Pam Wolf). The Regional Chair Karen Redman may attend as ex-officio. The requirement of the ten (10) directly elected members is that they must be 18 years or older, live and/or work in the Region of Waterloo, and through their past activities demonstrated an understanding and commitment to the heritage matters.

6. Area Municipality Communication and Public/Stakeholder Engagement:

Area Municipality Communication:

- None.

Public/Stakeholder Engagement:

- Advertisement for the vacancies were circulated in local newspapers, on both the WRHF and Region's websites, and various social media platforms.

7. Financial Implications:

None.

8. Conclusion / Next Steps:

Once Council ratifies the Board of Director appointments the individuals will be notified and will be entitled to fully participate in WRHF meetings.

9. Attachments:

None.

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