

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

To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: June 21, 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-23-008, dated June 21, 2023:

- a) Philippe Elsworthy for a term ending June 2026;
- b) Andrea Carswell for a term ending June 2026; and
- c) Brian Dietrich for a term ending June 2026.

2. Purpose / Issue:

The purpose of this report is to ratify appointments made to the Board of Directors of Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation (WRHF) at its Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2023. There was one reappointment: P. Elsworthy, and there were two new appointments: A. Carswell, and B. Dietrich.

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 (Appendix A). The WRHF had four (4) vacancies to be filled due to the ending of terms and resignations. Three (3) applications were received, one (1) was an application from a member with an expiring term and two (2) were new applications. Consideration is given to residency in Waterloo Region; and commitment, understanding, interest, and background in heritage matters.

5. Background:

The Foundation consists of thirteen (12) Directors, which includes ten (10) directly elected members and two (2) Regional Council representatives (Natasha Salonen and Pam Wolf). 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.

In April 2023, the Foundation circulated the Board of Director applications throughout the community. Three (3) applications were received, one of which was submitted from a current member that had an expiring term. The applications were presented at the WRHF Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2023 and the Board approved all three applications for Regional Council's ratification.

6. Communication and Engagement with Area Municipalities and the Public

Area Municipalities:

- None.

Public:

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

7. Financial Implications:

None.

8. Conclusion / Next Steps:

That Council ratify the Board of Director appointments elected on June 7, 2023.

9. Attachments:

Appendix A: WRHF Bylaw

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