

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

To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: June 19, 2024
Report Title: 2024 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-24-003, dated June 19, 2024:

- a) David Emberly for a term ending June 2025;
- b) Thirstan Falconer for a term ending June 2027; and
- c) Naema Baskanderi for a term ending June 2027.

2. Purpose / Issue:

The purpose of this report is to ratify the appointments made to the Board of Directors of Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation (WRHF) at its Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2024. There were three vacancies that were filled by the Board.

3. Strategic Plan:

The recommendation for the appointment of directors to the Foundations promotes Strategic Priority - Equitable Services and Opportunities.

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 three (3) vacancies to be filled due to the ending of terms and resignations. Seven (7) application were received.

Consideration is given to residency in Waterloo Region; and commitment, understanding, interest, and background in heritage matters. Discussions also included the importance of diversity of individuals on the Board.

5. Background:

The Foundation consists of twelve (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.

At the Foundation's Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2024, all applications were considered, and the above noted appointments were made.

6. Communication and Engagement with Area Municipalities and the Public

Area Municipalities:

- None.

Public:

- Advertisements 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:

If Regional Council ratifies the Board of Director appointments elected on June 5, 2024, Staff will reach out to the new members for them to attend the next Foundation meeting on June 25, 2025.

9. Attachments:

Appendix A: WRHF Bylaw

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