



Meeting Date: September 7, 2022

Submitted by: James Hutson, Municipal Clerk

Report No: CLK-10-2022

Subject: Establishment of Striking Committee

Recommendation:

THAT Report CLK-10-2022 re: Establishment of Striking Committee be received;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 'A1' be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT Mayor DeViet, Deputy Mayor Brennan and Councillor Aerts be appointed to the Striking Committee for the remainder of the current term of Council as well as the upcoming 2022-2026 term of Council.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of a proposed Striking Committee whose purpose will be to review applications for public and Council appointments to local boards and committees as well as to make recommendations to Council regarding these appointments.

Background:

Historically, the Municipality of Middlesex Centre has appointed public and/or Council representatives to the following local committees and boards:

Community Services Advisory Committee

Eight (8) public representatives and two (2) Council representatives

Youth Advisory Committee

Eight (8) public representatives and two (2) Council representatives

Cemetery Committee

Five (5) public representatives and two (2) Council representatives

Middlesex Centre Regional Medical Clinic Board of Directors

One (1) public representatives and two (2) Council representatives (Mayor and Deputy Mayor per Terms of Reference)

Green Lane Landfill Public Liaison Committee

One (1) Council representative

Bluewater Recycling Association

One (1) Council representative

Joint of Board of Management for the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply system

One (1) Council representative

Community Schools Alliance

One (1) public representative

Southwest Middlesex Medical Centre Board

Two (2) public representatives

Livestock Valuers

Two (2) public representatives

Area Conservation Authorities

One (1) Council representative for the following: Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA), Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), St. Clair Conservation (SCRCA), Lower Thames Conservation Authority (LTCA)

Appointments to the above noted boards and committees are for the duration of the term of Council.

As interest from the public and Council grows surrounding these opportunities, it is necessary to establish a defined process as to how applications are reviewed, and ultimately how recommendations to fill vacant appointments are done.

Analysis:

The concept of a selection committee (commonly referred to as a 'Striking Committee') is common in the municipal sector, as almost all Ontario municipalities manage appointments to a number of local boards or committees

The responsibilities of the Striking Committee shall be to:

- a) Recommend to Council appointments of Councillors to various committees and boards of council and external committees and boards following their Inaugural meeting in the year of a municipal election and as may be required throughout their term.
- b) Recommend to Council citizen appointees to various committees and boards of council following their Inaugural meeting in the year of a municipal election and as may be required throughout their term.

The Striking Committee does not make appointments to committees and boards whose terms of reference require an alternate method to determine membership.

Upon the approval of the Terms of Reference for the Striking Committee, the Municipal Clerk will liaise with members to schedule forthcoming meetings. It is anticipated that advertisements for prospective members will be

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government

Establishing a process for the review and appointment recommendation of applicants to local boards and committees ensures the Municipality fulfills its obligations to internal and external stakeholders as it relates to membership appointments.

Attachments:

A1 – Terms of Reference – Middlesex Centre Striking Committee