



Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

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Report No: CLK-08-2024

Subject: Appointment of Ward 1 Councillor

Recommendation:

THAT Report CLK-08-2024 re: Appointment of Ward 1 Councillor be received;

AND THAT Jean Coles be appointed as the Ward 1 Councillor for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to confirm the appointment of Jean Coles to the office of Ward 1 Councillor for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Background:

At the September 18, 2024 meeting, the Council for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-249

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Brennan

Seconded by: Councillor Cates

THAT Report CLK-06-2024 re: Process to fill Ward 1 Council Vacancy be received
for information;

AND THAT Council resolves that Option 1 - Appoint a qualified elector who received the most votes in the 2022 Municipal Election but was not elected be utilized as the method to fill the vacant Ward 1 Council seat;

AND THAT the Municipal Clerk be directed to report back to the October 16, 2024 Council Meeting to confirm whether the individual has consented to accepting office if appointed and is still qualified to accept office;

AND FURTHER THAT should the individual who received the most votes but was not elected decline to accept the office or is no longer qualified, the Municipal Clerk shall utilize Option 2 and employ the Council Appointment Procedure as appended to this report.

CARRIED

In accordance with the direction provided, the municipal clerk has proceeded to review and confirm the eligibility and willingness of Jean Coles to fill the vacancy, being the individual who received the most votes in the 2022 municipal and school board election for the office of ward 1 Councillor but was not elected.

Analysis:

The municipal clerk has affirmed the eligibility of Jean Coles to serve as municipal councillor for Ward 1. Additionally, Jean Coles has advised of their willingness to serve in this capacity and to accept the appointment.

In conclusion, by adopting the resolution contained within this report, Council will be formally acknowledging the appointment of Jean Coles to the Office of Ward 1 Councillor. The incoming Councillor will be administered the Oath of Office at the November 20, 2024 meeting.

Financial Implications:

There are no specific financial implications to this report. The costs associated with the office of Ward 1 Councillor are currently allotted for within the existing approved budget.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government

The appointment of an individual to the office of Ward 1 Councillor ensures an effective and responsible Council governance structure remains in place for the organization, allowing for continuity of business operations.

Attachments:

N/A