



Meeting Date: February 17, 2021

Submitted by: James Hutson, Municipal Clerk

Report No: CLK-05-2021

Subject: Municipal Councillor Appointment – Ward 4

Recommendation:

THAT Report CLK-05-2021 re: Municipal Councillor Appointment – Ward 4 be received;

AND THAT Council confirm the appointment of Sue Cates to the office of Ward 4 Councillor for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term of Council.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution of Council to formally appoint the individual who received the most votes in the 2018 municipal election but was not elected to the office of Ward 4 Councillor for the remainder of the current term of Council.

Background:

At the February 3, 2021 meeting, Council formally adopted a motion to fill the vacant Ward 4 Council seat by way of appointment, and resolved that the individual who received the most votes in the 2018 municipal election but was not elected be appointed to the vacant seat, provided they remain eligible for office and consent to accepting the position.

The full motion as adopted at the February 6, 2021 meeting reads:

THAT Report CLK-03-2021 re: Process to fill Ward 4 Council Vacancy be received for information;

AND THAT Council resolves that Option 1A: Appoint a Qualified Elector who received the most votes in the 2018 Municipal Election but was not elected as detailed in Report CLK-03-2021 be utilized as the method to fill the vacant Ward 4 Council seat;

AND THAT the Municipal Clerk be directed to report back to the February 17, 2021 Council Meeting to confirm whether the individual who received the most

votes but was not elected in the 2018 Municipal Election 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, the Municipal Clerk shall utilize Option 1B, as amended;

Based on election reports from 2018, it was determined that Sue Cates was the individual who received the most votes in the 2018 municipal election but was not elected.

Analysis:

As a follow-up to the direction of Council detailed above, the Municipal Clerk reviewed the eligibility of Sue Cates to hold office and was able to verify that they meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, or an owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- not prohibited from voting under any other Act or disqualified from holding municipal office.

Upon verification of this eligibility, Sue Cates was contacted to inquire as to whether they would consent to accepting the office of Ward 4 Councillor. Ms. Cates confirmed that they would consent to accepting the office.

In conclusion, by adopting the resolution contained within this report, Council will be formally acknowledging the appointment of Sue Cates to the Office of ward 4 Councillor. This individual will be administered the Oath of Office, after which they will assume formal right, privileges, and responsibilities of a municipal councillor.

Financial Implications:

There are no specific financial implications to this report. The costs associated with the office of Ward 4 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 4 Councillor ensures an effective and responsible Council governance structure remains in place for the organization, allowing for continuity of business operations.

Attachments:

N/A