

Agenda Item: 6.11

Request for Decision

Title	2023 Board and Committee Public Member Appointments
Proposed Motion	That Council approve the appointment of public members to Sturgeon County Boards and Committees as provided in Attachment 2.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council appoint public members to the Agricultural Service Board (which also includes the ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee) and the Youth Advisory Committee for terms to commence February 14, 2023. Further, Administration recommends that Council appoint public members to the River Valley Alliance (RVA) Community Engagement Committee for terms to commence April 1, 2023.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Motion 489/22: That Council approve the appointment of public members to Sturgeon County Boards and Committees as set out within Attachment 2, for terms commencing January 1, 2023.
Report	 Background Information Section 7 of the Board and Committee Member Appointments Policy (the Policy) (see Attachment 1) outlines the process for the appointment of public members to Sturgeon County Boards and Committees.
	 The annual public member recruitment occurred in the Fall of 2022; however, as of January 1, 2023, there remained vacancies on the following Boards and Committees:
	 Agricultural Service Board (1 member vacancy and 1 junior member vacancy)
	 Youth Advisory Committee (8 vacancies)
	 River Valley Alliance (RVA) Community Engagement Committee (2 vacancies, not recruited for in the Fall of 2022)
	Recruitment for these vacancies occurred in January and February 2023.
	 In accordance with sections 7.4 and 7.5 of the Board and Committee Member Appointments Policy, once the deadline for applications passed, Administration met with Deputy Mayor Toms and Councillor Stang (delegated in the Mayor's absence) to review the applications received. In instances where a single application was received from an incumbent member, the panel exercised discretion in recommending

reappointment of that member(s) without the requirement of an interview.

- In accordance with section 7.6 of the Policy, where the number of eligible candidates was greater than the number of vacancies for a particular Board or Committee, interview panels were designated consisting of two Council members, an Administrative Representative, and the Chair of the respective Board or Committee.
- These interviews were held virtually and in person on February 8, 2023, and it is the recommendation that Council appoint public members to Sturgeon County Boards and Committees as indicated in confidential Attachment 2 to this Request for Decision.
- Council will note that only one candidate is being recommended for appointment to the RVA Community Engagement Committee due to lack of applicants. Administration recommends to readvertise this vacancy as part of the Fall 2023 Board and Committee member recruitment process.

External Communication

Administration advertised vacant Board and Committee positions as follows:

- Advertising within local newspapers and Sturgeon FYI;
- Public member videos posted on the Sturgeon County website and social media;
- o Advertising on the Sturgeon County website and social media; and
- In person visits to County schools by the Deputy Mayor and the County's Neighbourhood Development Supervisor on January 10, 11 and 12, 2023 to promote the Youth Advisory Committee.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices

- Bylaw 1517/20 Council Committees Bylaw
- Bylaw 1515/20 Agricultural Service Board Bylaw

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment

Operational Excellence – Engaged and effective people – Council, Administration, and volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership.

Collaborative Governance – Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes.

Organizational

None.

<u>Financial</u>

Costs of advertising and public member honorariums are included in the operational budget.

Alternatives Considered

Council could appoint different candidates to the various Boards and Committees.

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Implications of Alternatives

The list of recommended candidates is included in the agenda package. A decision to appoint alternative candidates would require Council to move into closed session to deliberate.

Follow up Action

- 1. Send letters to all successful and unsuccessful applicants (Legislative Services, February 2023).
- 2. Advise Administrative representatives of the appointments (Legislative Services, February 2023).
- 3. Commence orientation with newly appointed members (various departments, Q1 2023).
- 4. Update the Board and Committee public member listing on the County website (Legislative Services, February 2023).

Attachment(s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Board and Committee Members Appointments Policy
- 2. CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 2: 2023 Appointments to Boards and Committees Recommended Applicants

Report Reviewed

by:

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.

Guiding Principles: Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
Planned Growth			
• Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation			×
Modern broadband and digital capabilities			\boxtimes
Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations			\boxtimes
• Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning			⊠
Thriving Communities			
 Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 			×
Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride			×
Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life			⊠
Environmental Stewardship			
 Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 			\boxtimes
 Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 			\boxtimes
 Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 			\boxtimes
Collaborative Governance			
Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships			\boxtimes
Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			\boxtimes
Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale			\boxtimes
 Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 		\boxtimes	
Operational Excellence			
• Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership		⊠	
• Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability			⊠
Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges			×
Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			\boxtimes