

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title:	Youth Engagement Working Group Membership
Date Prepared:	June 17, 2022
Report To:	Committee of the Whole
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Jill Bruce, Youth Engagement Working Group
Ward:	N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Approval of a new member of the Youth Engagement Working Group (YEWG) as directed by lead staff.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The City's Youth Engagement Working Group oversees the implementation of the Youth Engagement Strategy approved by Council in October 2020 and provides ongoing advice and guidance on how to best engage youth on City matters.

At the YEWG meeting of June 7, 2022, Nicholas Hillier informed the working group that he was resigning from his position. As all membership applications remain on file for a period of two years for consideration should a vacancy occur, staff returned to their list of applicants resulting from the call placed in Winter of 2022. During the selection review process, applicants were ranked via a rubric of qualities: diversity, passion, and value, all of which were based on the responses to the following questions:

- Why do you want to be involved with the Youth Engagement Working Group?
- How would the Youth Engagement Working Group benefit from your involvement?

Applicants were also given the opportunity to identify as either 2SLGBTQIA+, indigenous, a person with a disability, or a visible minority, to ensure the working group is representative of the youth community. Rankings were then averaged, and of the remaining candidates, staff are recommending Saadia Jamila Mary Azam for appointment to the YEWG.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Youth Engagement Working Group
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

The logo for St. John's features the words "ST. JOHN'S" in a bold, serif font. The letter "O" in "JOHN'S" is replaced by a stylized icon of a signal tower or antenna.

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4. Alignment with Adopted Plans: Youth Engagement Strategy
5. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A
6. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
7. Privacy Implications: N/A
8. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Communications Staff advertised and promoted the original call for members.
9. Human Resource Implications: N/A
10. Procurement Implications: N/A
11. Information Technology Implications: N/A
12. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council appoint Saadia Jamila Mary Azam to the Youth Engagement Working Group.

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Report Approval Details

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