

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Youth Engagement Working Group Membership

Date Prepared: August 11, 2022

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Jill Bruce, Youth Engagement Working Group

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Approval of new members 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. When the YEWG was formed, members of the previous ad hoc committee were provided the option to stay involved in the new committee.

In June and July of 2022, two YEWG members informed Staff that they were no longer interested in remaining a member of the Working Group, and as such replacements would be required. As all membership applications remain on file for a period of two years for consideration should a vacancy occur and given that over 70 individuals expressed interest, 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 they could bring to the team, 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 Liam O'Neill and Samuel Bishop for appointment to the YEWG.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A

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2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: N/A

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Connected City: Increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other and the City.

4. Alignment with Adopted Plans: Youth Engagement Strategy

5. Accessibility and Inclusion: Applicants were given opportunity to identify as 2SLGBTQIA +, indigenous, a person with a disability, or a visible minority, to ensure the working group is representative of the youth community.

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 Liam O'Neill and Samuel Bishop to the Youth Engagement Working Group.

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