

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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<b>Title:</b>	Youth Engagement Working Group - Membership
<b>Date Prepared:</b>	August 27, 2024
<b>Report To:</b>	Regular Meeting of Council
<b>Councillor and Role:</b>	Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft, Youth Engagement Working Group
<b>Ward:</b>	N/A

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## **Decision/Direction Required:**

Seeking Council's approval of the recommended candidates to fill the current vacancies on the Youth Engagement Working Group (YEWG).

## **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.

In August of 2024, there were two vacancies on the YEWG. As a Call for Members had been publicly circulated in April of this year, it was decided to return to the pool of applicants to find suitable candidates to fill the positions. Previous applicants were reviewed and 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 Bradley Greeley and Zeinab Salehiankia for appointment to the YEWG.

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Youth Engagement Working Group
3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No



4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

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

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: Youth Engagement Strategy

6. Accessibility and Inclusion: Applicants were given an 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. The application was also available in a variety of formats by request.

7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

8. Privacy Implications: N/A

9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The original Call for Members was advertised and promoted by Communications Staff.

10. Human Resource Implications: N/A

11. Procurement Implications: N/A

12. Information Technology Implications: N/A

13. Other Implications: N/A

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve of the appointment of Bradley Greeley and Zeinab Salehiankia to the Youth Engagement Working Group.

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**Approved by: Theresa Walsh, City Clerk**

**Report Approval Details**

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