

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title:	Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – Appointment of New Members
Date Prepared:	May 7, 2025
Report To:	Regular Meeting of Council
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Sandy Hickman, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
Ward:	N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Seeking Council approval of the appointment of four new members to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee to fill existing vacancies.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee provides information and advice to Council on matters related to arts, culture, Indigenous and intangible cultural heritage that intersect City policies, programs, and services.

Following the end of appointment for several members, a Call for Members was issued on behalf of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee seeking the following:

- One organizational representative from the Literary Discipline
- Two organizational representatives from Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Cultural Heritage Organizations
- One community based public member with a strong interest in arts and culture.

The call was circulated in January and extended until March 2nd, resulting in 17 applications. The applications were reviewed by Lead Staff, who are recommending the following candidates for appointment:

- Helena Elueme of WritersNL, Literary Organization Representative:
- Fabienne Christophle of Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador, Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Heritage Organization Representative
- Kaitlyn Little, Community Based Public Member

After the call had ended, the Visual Arts Organizational Representative vacated their position on the Committee. Staff are recommending that Kristen Piercey of Visual Artists Newfoundland and Labrador (VANL), who applied under the recent call as a Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Cultural Heritage Representative, be appointed to fill the Visual Arts Organization Representative vacancy. A new Call for Members will take place to fill the vacant Indigenous, and Intangible Heritage Organization Representative position.

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Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or other Interested Parties: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
3. Is this a New Plan or Strategy: No

If yes, are there recommendations or actions that require progress reporting?

If yes, how will progress be reported? (e.g.: through the strategic plan, through Cascade, annual update to Council, etc.)

4. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

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

A Connected City: Develop and deliver programs, services and public spaces that build safe, healthy and vibrant communities.

5. Alignment with Adopted Plans: Municipal Arts Plan
6. Accessibility and Inclusion: The Call for Members was widely circulated and made available in a variety of formats upon request.
7. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
8. Privacy Implications: As per section 7.3 of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference all Committee members are required to refrain from the use or transmission of any confidential or privileged information while serving with the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.
9. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The Call for Members was published and posted by Communications Staff.
10. Human Resource Implications: N/A
11. Procurement Implications: N/A
12. Information Technology Implications: N/A
13. Information Management Implications: N/A

14. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee:

- Helena Elueme of WritersNL, Literary Organization Representative:
- Fabienne Christophle of Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador, Cultural, Indigenous, and Intangible Heritage Organization Representative
- Kristen Piercey, of VANL, Visual Arts Organization Representative
- Kaitlyn Little, Community Based Public Member

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