



Administrative Report

Office of the Director, Legislative and Community Services/Clerk

To: Warden McNamara and Members of Essex County Council

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Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Subject: Vacancies Created by Resignation of Kingsville Mayor

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Purpose

To propose recommended action to County Council regarding vacant seats created by the resignation of the Mayor Kingsville on various Committees/Boards

Background

Kingsville Mayor Nelson resigned his position as Mayor for the Town of Kingsville, effective July 17, 2022. Prior to that resignation, Nelson Santos, held the following County Council appointed positions for this term of Council:

- Deputy Warden
- Member and Chair of Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI)
- Member and Chair of Essex County Library Board
- Member and Chair of the Essex County Striking Committee

Discussion

The Council of the Town of Kingsville will be discussing their options regarding filling that vacant position at their meeting of August 8th, 2022. At the time of writing this report, there were still two representatives from the Town of Kingsville attending County Council meetings; those being Deputy

Mayor Gord Queen and the Alternate County Councillor appointed by the Council of the Town of Kingsville, Councillor Tony Gaffan.

Given the close proximity to the 2022 October municipal election, the need to appoint new representatives to the Committees/Boards which former Mayor Santos served on is has been reviewed.

Deputy Warden

There is the option for County Council to hold an election from among the existing members of County Council, to elect a new Deputy Warden. Having discussed the option with the Warden, it is being recommended that the Deputy Warden position not be filled during the balance of the term of this Council. Should the Warden be unable to fulfil any of his duties, an alternate member of County Council will be requested to step in and Chair the meeting or attend an event on a case by case basis.

TWEPI Representative

Gordon Orr, Chief Executive Officer of TWEPI, was consulted on whether their Board wished to have another member of County Council appointed at this time, to fill the vacancy. Given the limited period of time left before the end of this term of Council, Mr. Orr recommended leaving the seat vacant for the balance of the term.

Essex County Striking Committee

Again, given the limited period of time left in this term of Council and the infrequency with which the Striking Committee is required to meet, it is the recommendation of Administration that this position be left vacant. Should there be a need for the Striking Committee to meet, the members of the existing Committee will elect a new Chair from the remaining members.

Essex County Library Board Member

The composition of the Essex County Library Board is set out in Section 22.2 of the County of Essex Procedure By-law 48-2018. The Board consists of 7 members with one representative from each municipality. Of those 7 members, 4 are appointed from members of County Council. Since the Kingsville representative was a member of County Council, that vacant position can only be filled by either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Kingsville. At this point in time, Deputy Mayor Gord Queen is the only person eligible to fill that vacancy. Deputy Mayor Queen has expressed interest in filling that temporary vacancy to ensure the Essex County Library Board has a full compliment of members for the balance of the term of Council.

Typically, a recommendation to appoint an alternate representative to a Board or Committee would be a recommendation coming from the County Striking Committee, but given there is only one eligible candidate, Administration is bringing forward this recommendation.

Financial Implications

There will be minor savings in Council salaries and mileage from not filling the vacant Deputy Warden and TWEPI positions.

Consultations

The following individuals were consulted on the recommendations included in this report: TWEPI Chief Executive Officer Gordon Orr, Warden McNamara; Deputy Mayor Gord Queen.

Recommendation

That Essex County Council appoint Deputy Mayor Gord Queen to the Essex County Library Board for the balance of this term of Council; and further that the vacant position of Deputy Warden, vacant County position on TWEPI, and vacant position on the Essex County Striking Committee remain vacant for the balance of the term of Council.

Approvals

Respectfully Submitted,

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