



TOWN OF AURORA COUNCIL REPORT

No. LLS14-027

SUBJECT: *Appointment to the Joint Council Committee (Central York Fire Services)*

FROM: *Warren Mar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Solicitor*

DATE: *July 15, 2014*

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT report LLS14-027 be received; and

THAT Council provide direction on the Member of Council to be appointed to sit on the Joint Council Committee which oversees the operation of the Central York Fire Services, as one of the Town of Aurora's Council representatives on the Committee.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To purpose of this report is to request that Council appoint a Member of Council to be appointed to sit as a Town of Aurora Council representative on the Joint Council Committee which oversees the operation of the Central York Fire Services.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the resignation on Chris Ballard on June 17, 2014, there is a vacancy in the Town's membership on the Joint Council Committee ("JCC"). Section 2 of the Terms of Reference for the JCC states:

"The committee shall total six (6) members, composed of **three (3) members of the Municipal Council of Aurora** and three (3) members of the Municipal Council of Newmarket, whose terms shall be concurrent with the term of the Councils which appointed them. No member shall be permitted or eligible for membership for more than two (2) consecutive terms."

Section 4.1 of the Policy for Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees and Local Boards states:

"The Mayor (or Deputy Mayor when acting in the place and stead of the Mayor) shall be an ex-officio Member of all Ad Hoc and Advisory Committees and Local Boards as may be established from time to time. Accordingly, the ex-officio Member may

take part in discussions but may not take part in the vote unless that Member is counted in order to form a quorum.”

For the purposes of the above policy, it should be noted that the JCC is considered to be a “local board” pursuant to the definition contained in s. 1(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. While the Mayor is an ex-officio Member of the JCC, he is not entitled to vote at its meetings unless there is an issue with achieving quorum.

COMMENTS

The JCC is established for purposes of overseeing and administering fire protection and preventative services for both the Town of Aurora and the Town of Newmarket. Staff recommend that the vacant seat be filled to ensure equal representation on the JCC.

Currently Councillors Gallo and Abel serve on the JCC. Any Council member who is chosen to sit on the JCC will need to get “up to speed” relatively quickly on a number of issues that the JCC is working on, including the update to the Central York Fire Services Master Plan.

Among the alternatives, Council may choose to appoint the new Councillor who is replacing Councillor Ballard to the JCC. Council may also choose to appoint the Mayor to fill the vacant seat on the JCC for the remainder of the current Council term. The Mayor has been involved in the development of the Central York Fire Services Fire Department Master Plan Update and other issues pertaining to the Central York Fire Services throughout this term of Council.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

None.

ALTERNATIVE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council may decide to keep the seat on the JCC vacant, which would require an amendment to the Terms of Reference (with Town of Newmarket concurrence).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONCLUSIONS

Due to the resignation of Chris Ballard there is a Council member vacancy from the Town of Aurora on the JCC. It is recommended that Council appoint a member of Council to fill this vacancy for the rest of the current Term of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

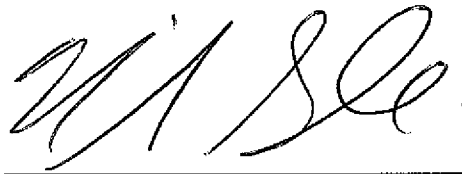
PRE-SUBMISSION REVIEW

Chief Administrative Officer – July 10, 2014

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