

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 25, 2022
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Jeanne Harfield, Clerk
SUBJECT: Committee of the Whole Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council extend Councillor Bev Holmes as Committee of the Whole Chair until February 28, 2022;

AND THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council appoint Councillor Maydan as Committee of the Whole Chair effective March 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor Bev Holmes took over as Chair of Committee of the Whole in August 2021. The six-month Committee of the Whole (COW) Chair term for Councillor Holmes ends at the end of January 2022.

Section 22 of By-19-127 Procedural By-law states that "Council Shall appoint a Chair for Committee of the Whole on a rotating basis every six months by alphabetical order starting with the Deputy Mayor."

DISCUSSION:

Councillor Maydan is the next in alphabetical order to be appointed as the new Chair of COW. Councillor Maydan will not be available to Chair meetings in February, therefore it is being recommended for Council's consideration to extend Councillor Holmes as Chair until the end of February.

The 2018-2022 term of Council ends on November 14, 2022. Between March and November 2022 there are 14 scheduled meetings of COW (this does not include any un-scheduled special meetings). A normal 6-month period of COW meetings (without recess or special meetings) is 12 meetings. Council can appoint Councillor Maydan until the end of the term (November 14, 2022) or only for six months (as per section 22 of by-law 19-127). Should Council only appoint Councillor Maydan for 6 months a new Chair will need to be appointed from September 1 until November 14, 2022. The next Member of Council to be appointed would be Deputy Mayor Minnille.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SUMMARY

Councillor Holmes' tenure as Committee of the Whole Chair (COW) ends on January 31, 2022. Councillor Maydan is the next councillor in alphabetical order to be appointed COW Chair. However, Councillor Maydan is unavailable to Chair the two meetings in February. Therefore, it is being recommended that Council extend Councillor Holmes as COW Chair until the end of February and that Councillor Maydan's term as COW Chair will commence on March 1, 2022.

Council can either appoint Councillor Maydan as chair until the end of the term (November 14, 2022) or for only 6 months (end of August). If Council appoints Councillor Maydan for 6 months a new COW Chair will need to be appointed for September – November.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Harfield

Clerk

Approved by,

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Chief Administrative Officer