

Staff Report



Corporate Services Department

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REPORT TO: Special Council

DATE OF MEETING: October 16, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Amanda Fusco, Director, Legislated Services and City Clerk, 519-741-2200 ext. 7809

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: All

DATE OF REPORT: September 14, 2022

REPORT NO.: COR-2023-470

SUBJECT: 2023 Committee Member Appointments - Committee of Adjustment, Heritage Kitchener Committee, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee & Centre in the Square Board

RECOMMENDATION:

That effective immediately Marco Gambetti be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for the term ending November 14, 2024; and,

That effective immediately Tyler Marshall be appointed to the Heritage Kitchener Committee for the term ending November 14, 2024; and,

That effective immediately Chidi Nwene and Brenda Reid be appointed to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2024; and further,

That effective January 1, 2024, Becka Borody and David Cameron be reappointed to the Centre in the Square Board for the term ending December 31, 2026.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to appoint new members to the Committee of Adjustment, Heritage Kitchener Committee, and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, due to the resignation of previously appointed members; and to reappoint Centre in the Square Board members, concluding their first three-year term.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

On November 16, 2022, Council appointed citizens and members of Council to various advisory committees, boards, and special committees for the current term. At the Striking Committee meeting, five individuals were appointed to the Committee of Adjustment, thirteen individuals were appointed to the Heritage Kitchener Committee and twelve individuals were appointed to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for the term ending November 14, 2024. On July 31, 2023, David Gundrum resigned from the Committee of Adjustment leaving the Committee of

Adjustment with three remaining members. The Heritage Kitchener Committee currently has ten remaining members, due to the resignation of members Brianne Casey, Taijwant (Tony) Geer, and Robyn Schwarz. Regarding the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, nine members are remaining, due to the departure of Mark Waddell, Chandrika Anjaria, and Anna McWebb. As a result of the mid-term vacancies for the Committee of Adjustment, Heritage Kitchener and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, the City of Kitchener began advertising recruitment and accepting applications on the City website for the Committees outlined in this report.

At the Striking Committee meeting members of Council representatives were appointed, to the Centre in the Square (CITS) Board. The Boards of Kitchener Public Library (KPL), Centre in the Square (CITS), Kitchener Housing Inc. (KHI), and Kitchener Power Corporation (KPC) are responsible for selecting their own citizen candidates for Council's approval and so are not considered by the Nominating Committee for recommendation. Due to the completion of two members' first three-year term, the Centre in the Square Board is recommending reappointment for the members' second three-year term ending on December 31, 2026, effective January 1, 2024.

REPORT:

From August 21, 2023 to September 5, 2023, the City of Kitchener reopened recruitment for the Committee of Adjustment, Heritage Kitchener Committee, and Arts and Advisory Committee due to the mid-term vacancies, and corresponding need for additional membership. A Nominating Committee was reappointed by Council on September 25, 2023, for the term ending November 14, 2024, to assist in recommending new members for appointment. On October 6, 2023, the Nominating Committee recommended the following members for appointment to ensure the continued functioning of the Committee of Adjustment, Heritage Kitchener Committee, and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee:

Committee of Adjustment:

- *Marco Gambetti*

Heritage Kitchener Committee:

- *Tyler Marshall*

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee:

- *Chidi Nwene*
- *Brenda Reid*

On September 15, 2023, the Centre in the Square Board provided a reappointment letter, recommending that the City of Kitchener Council reappoint the following members for their second three-year term effective January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2026:

Centre in the Square Board:

- *Becka Borody*
- *David Cameron*

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Budget – The recommendation has no impact on the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget – The recommendation has no impact on the Operating Budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City’s website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- COR-2023-377 – Nominating Committee – Reappointments for 2022-2024 Term & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Enhancements to the Process
- COR-2022-475 – Nominating Committee – 2022 Appointments to Advisory & Quasi-Judicial Committees

APPROVED BY: Victoria Raab, General Manager, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – CITS Appointment Letter- B. Borody & D. Cameron