

Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc. - Approval of Board of Directors for 2022

ISSUE

This report provides an update on the Friends of the Bowl Foundation (Friends of the Bowl) 2022 Annual General Meeting (Meeting), and requests approval for the updated list of members for the 2022 Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the Board of Directors for Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., as noted in this report, be approved;
2. That the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., appoint Andrew Roberts, or his designate, as its proxy to vote on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of Friends of the Bowl Foundation Inc., to be held on June 15, 2022, or at any adjournment(s) thereof; and
3. That His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate documents under the Corporate Seal as prepared by the City Solicitor

BACKGROUND

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, City Council declared the Gordon Howe Bowl upgrades as a municipal project in order to provide the issuance of charitable donation receipts for donations received from the community. At that same meeting, City Council also approved the appointment of the Friends of the Bowl Board of Directors, with the intention to have directors appointed for one- and two-year terms, with the office terms of half the Board members expiring at each Annual General Meeting. Friends of the Bowl was officially incorporated as a Saskatchewan charitable corporation under the *Non-Profit Corporations Act, 1995*, in the province of Saskatchewan on December 2, 2012.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Friends of the Bowl Foundation Board of Directors

Friends of the Bowl, as a registered charitable corporation, is required to put forward to Administration the names of a maximum of 12 individuals that agree to serve as directors on the charitable corporation. In turn, Administration shall present a list of directors to City Council for formal approval.

Since the last formal approval of the Friends of the Bowl Board of Directors by City Council at its June 29, 2020 meeting, there have been changes to the Board and/or terms that have come to an end for current individuals serving on the Board. In addition, the effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic during the second half of 2020

and 2021 resulted in a significant reduction in the activities of the Friends of the Bowl Board and operations, meetings and fundraising opportunities. In response to the significant impact of COVID-19 and to support sustainable operations at the reduced level, the 2020 Board of Directors was extended for one year.

The Friends of the Bowl Annual General Meeting is to be held on June 15, 2022, either in person or virtually, depending on the requirements under the Provincial Health Order. During this meeting, several orders of business will be addressed and a Directors' Resolution will be made. The Directors' Resolution will be put forward to remove all retiring directors, to appoint the new and/or returning directors to the Board and to appoint an auditor for the coming fiscal year. The proposed list of directors for 2022 can be found in Appendix 1.

Friends of the Bowl is different from other City non-profits, as this corporate body has been developed with the cooperation of several partner community organizations that utilize and have a vested interest in the continued development of the Gordie Howe Sports Complex. The Bylaws for Friends of the Bowl provide that each of the partner organizations shall be entitled to propose the name of an individual that will serve as director. Friends of the Bowl is committed to a Board of Directors that is diverse and representative of the community.

The names on the attached list include those suggested by each of the partner organizations, namely:

- 1) Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate;
- 2) Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association;
- 3) Saskatoon Hilltops Football Club;
- 4) Saskatoon Track and Field Club;
- 5) Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club;
- 6) Saskatoon Tourism;
- 7) Saskatoon Minor Softball League Association;
- 8) Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club;
- 9) Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association;
- 10) Saskatoon Baseball Association;
- 11) Saskatoon Soccer Association; and
- 12) Saskatoon Inner City Track Club.

City Council could choose to not approve the proposed list of directors for Friends of the Bowl, in which case further direction would be required.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy, financial, environmental, CPTED, public notice, or privacy implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

NEXT STEPS

Prior to the Friends of the Bowl Meeting on June 15, 2022, the Chairperson will send notice of the Meeting to City Council. The annual financial statements and Directors' Resolutions, if any, including changes to the Board of Directors, will be presented at the Meeting for formal approval.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed 2022 Board of Directors for Friends of the Bowl Foundation

REPORT APPROVAL

Written by: Andrew Roberts, Director of Recreation and Community Development

Approved by: Lynne Lacroix, General Manager Community Services

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