

2024 Appointments – Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group (DEED)

ISSUE

City Council considers annual appointments to its Boards and Committees.

For 2024, all current members of DEED are eligible for reappointment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance & Priorities Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the following be reappointed to the Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group to the end of 2025:
 - a. Ali Abukar, citizen representative
 - b. Bertrand Bartake, citizen representative
 - c. Alisha Esmail, citizen representative
 - d. Geri Fernet, citizen representative
 - e. Shawna Nelson, citizen representative
 - f. Stephen Yee, citizen representative
 - g. Stephanie Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon
 - h. Brent Penner, Downtown Saskatoon
 - i. Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
 - j. Kathie Pruden-Nansel, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan-Western Region 2A
 - k. Keith Moen, North Saskatoon Business Association
 - l. Ken Cheveldayoff, Province of Saskatchewan
 - m. Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District
 - n. Mark Arcand, Saskatoon Tribal Council
 - o. Mayor C. Clark
 - p. Councillor T. Davies
 - q. Councillor C. Block

BACKGROUND

Appointments are made in accordance with [Policy C01-003 Appointments to Civic Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees](#).

For the 2024 recruitment cycle, advertising occurred from September 9 – 29, 2023. Advertising was placed in the local press on September 9 and on the City's website and through the City's social media channels throughout the duration. Recruitment

information was also provided to various agencies. The deadline for applications was September 29 and was extended to October 6.

Applications as in Appendix 4 were considered by the City Agency Recruitment and Evaluation Committee (CARE) in October with recommendations being made to the Governance & Priorities Committee. City Council considers appointments for Advisory Committees at its November 22, 2023 Regular Business meeting.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Terms of Reference for this Committee is provided as Appendix 1.

The current membership status is provided as Appendix 2. All members are eligible for reappointment.

Appendix 3 outlines the 2024 list of applicants. There were four new applications received.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the appointments as all members serving are volunteers and no remuneration is paid. There are costs for advertising which is included in the City Clerk's Office operating budget annually.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

The Governance and Priorities Committee will make its recommendations of appointment to City Council at the November 22, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

APPENDICES

1. DEED Terms of Reference
2. Current Membership Status Update (In Camera)
3. Applicant list (In Camera)
4. Reappointment Packages (In Camera)
5. New Applicant Packages (In Camera)

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