



STAFF REPORT
Municipality of Wawa



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To: Mayor and Council	Report No.: CAO 2022-07
Date: December 9, 2022	Council Meeting Date: Dec. 13, 2022

**2022-2026 Committee and Boards
Council Appointees**

Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report No. CAO 2022-07 recommending Council appointments to various Committees and Boards for the term of Council from November 15, 2022, to November 14, 2026.

FURTHER Council terminate the following Municipal Committees in place during the last term of Council effective November 15, 2022:

- 1) Community Development Committee (By-Law 3226-19)
- 2) Community Safety and Well-Being Committee (By-law 3474-22)

AND FURTHER that staff advertise for the filling of public vacancies on all Council Committees set-out in the attached, save and except for the Wawa Police Services Board and reappoint its representative to the Board, Mr. Chris Buckell until such time as the new Superior East Regional Detachment is formed.

Background

The attached list of Municipal Committees and Boards, and other committees requiring the appointment of a Council representative, provides an overview of the past members, primary role of the Committee/Board and recommendation of a Municipal Council appointee.

Members of Council may choose to sit on any Committee or to review the make-up and terms of reference of each Committee to determine membership.

Some Boards and Committees are external and do require a municipal representative to be appointed as required by-law or an agreement in place. These include the following:

- 1) Algoma Public Health** – The communities of Wawa, White River and Dubreuilville are entitled to select one representative, which does not have to be a Council Member, among them to the AHU Board. Wawa has contacted the other communities to determine if they have a potential candidate to be considered and the matter will be forwarded to the January 10, 2023, Council Meeting for confirmation of the appointment.

Should White River and Dubreuilville not provide a name of an agreed upon candidate, then it is recommended that a member of Wawa Council consider sitting on the Board. Alternatively, Council may advertise to the public for a potential appointment.

2) Algoma District Services Board (ADSAB) - The Act requires the Mayor or a member of Council to sit on the Board. The Board consists of representatives from all municipalities in the Algoma District, excluding Sault Ste. Marie. Mayor Pilon has agreed to sit on the Board, which meets monthly.

3) Missinaibi Forest Management Board - As agreed upon by Council and members of the Board, the Missinaibi SFL Shareholder Agreement states that a member of Council from each participating municipality in the Forest Management Area, including Wawa, Dubreuilville and Chapleau will sit as a non-voting member of the Board. Councillor Cathy Cannon has agreed to participate.

4) LDHC Health Professionals Recruitment Committee - The LDHC has formed a recruitment committee and a member of the Municipality, which does not have to be a Councillor, may sit on the Committee. Councillor Mitch Hatfield has indicated interest in continuing to sit on the Committee which meets quarterly.

Public Appointments to Committees

Council is responsible to select community representatives to sit on its municipal committees and may appoint any person it chooses. To ensure transparency of selection of members and to give all residents the opportunity to participate, it is recommended that Council advertise to the public requesting expressions of interest.

If advertised, the Ad will be placed on local media sites and run from December 14, to December 23, 2022. Names will be forwarded for Council for consideration and possible appointment at its meeting on January 10, 2023.

The Wawa Police Services Board is made up of three members including a provincial appointee (Ms. Danette Mathias), a member of Council and a member of the public. The Board will continue under the responsibility of the Municipality until such time as the Province appoints a Regional Detachment Board which is scheduled to take place at the end of 2023. As the public representative has expressed interest in continuing in this role and has the training and background to sit on the Board, staff is recommending that Mr. Chris Buckell be reappointed to the Board, rather than advertising to the public at this time.

Discontinuation of Municipal Committees

Two Committees of Council are being recommended for discontinuation, the Community Development Committee and the Community Safety and Well-Being Committees.

The Community Development Committee has been in existence for years with a primary mandate to recommend to Council the distribution of small municipal grants to non-profit community groups. There have been no funds requested or set-aside in the budget since at least 2019. In addition, the role of the Committee was to play a role in community economic development which has now been given to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, which is a duplication.

The Community Well-Being and Safety Committee was formed in 2020 to assist the Municipality to develop a mandatory safety plan and has met its mandate. It has not met since the plan was completed in 2021.

Conclusion

The attached sets out recommendations for Council appointees to Committees and Boards. A Resolution to support the appointments is included in the upcoming Regular Meeting of Council.

A Resolution is also included for the Regular Council Meeting to reappoint Mr. Chris Buckell to the Wawa Police Board for this term of Council.

Staff recommends that Council advertise to the public for interest to sit on various committees and appointments be made at the January 10, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Submitted for Consideration:



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