



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Mayor Zebian and Members of West Hants Regional Municipality Council

Submitted by:

Deanna Snair, Clerk

Date: January 28, 2025

Subject: 2025 Citizen Member Appointment to the Climate Action Committee

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act (MGA) – Sections 24-27, Standing, special and advisory committees; Vacancy on Boards, Commissions and Committees; Citizen Advisory Committees; and Community Committees.

RECOMMENDATION

... Council approves Jamie Juteau be appointed to the Climate Action Committee for the term January 28, 2025 to January 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social X	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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The Climate Action Committee provides a forum for all municipal departments and Council representatives to collaborate on evaluating and implementing the adaptation and mitigation actions outlined in the Municipal Climate Change Action Plans. These policy and adaptation procedures help protect people, properties, special places, and municipal infrastructure from the negative impact of climate change.

The Committee consists of eleven (11) members:

- three (3) Councillors;
- two (2) resident members, who are not members of Council
- Chief Administrative Officer or designate;
- Director of Public Works or designate;
- Director of Planning and Development or designate;

- Director of Community Development or designate;
- Director of Financial Services or designate;
- Protective Services Manager or designate.

DISCUSSION

Citizen members appointed to the committee were notified of the approaching end of their term and encouraged to apply for the upcoming term, should they wish to do so.

Public advertisement for resident members for all advisory committees was also placed in the local paper (the Valley Journal Advertiser), on the Municipal website and Facebook page on October 15, 2024. Applications to be a resident member of the Climate Action Committee were accepted until 12 p.m. (noon) October 30, 2024.

Only one (1) expression of interest was received, resulting in one (1) vacant position for a citizen member remaining on the committee to be filled.

A second expression on interest was recently received and is before Council for consideration. Should the recommendation be supported, the committee's composition would be fulfilled

NEXT STEPS

Once approved by Council, the applicant will be contacted to notify them of whether or not they were appointed. Required additional information will be sent to new members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Resident members appointed to a Committee of Council will receive remuneration in accordance with the Council Remuneration Policy, which is identified in the annual Operating Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Council can direct staff to readvertise for expressions of interest.

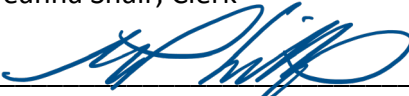
ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

Report Prepared by: _____
Deanna Snair, Clerk

Report Approved by:  _____
Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer