



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: June 10, 2025

Subject: Accessibility Advisory Committee Citizen Member Appointment

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act – Section 24 Standing, Special and Advisory Committees

RECOMMENDATION

... that Committee of the Whole recommends Council appoint Vanessa Woodworth to the Accessibility Advisory Committee beginning June 24, 2025 and ending June 24, 2027.

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social X	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) provides advice to Council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities and plays a pivotal role in helping to become a barrier-free community and ensuring obligations under “An Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia (2017)” are met.

The committee consists of no less than seven (7) members as follows:

- One (1) members of Council and One (1) Alternate – Two (2) year term
- No less than Four (4) Resident members – Two (2) year term
- No less than Two (2) Resident members – Three (3) year term

As identified in the Terms of Reference, at least one half of the members of the AAC must be persons with disabilities or representatives from organizations representing persons with disabilities.

DISCUSSION

Staff recently advertised all of WHRM's advisory committee opportunities in the WHRM newsletter and issued a call for interested individuals to fill current vacancies.

Ms. Woodworth has expressed a strong interest in contributing to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. She brings a wealth of both lived and professional experience, which would be a valuable asset in advancing the committee's goals and initiatives.

Her application was reviewed by the chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, who expressed support for her appointment to the committee.

NEXT STEPS

Once approved by Council, the applicant will be contacted to notify them of whether or not they were appointed.

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.

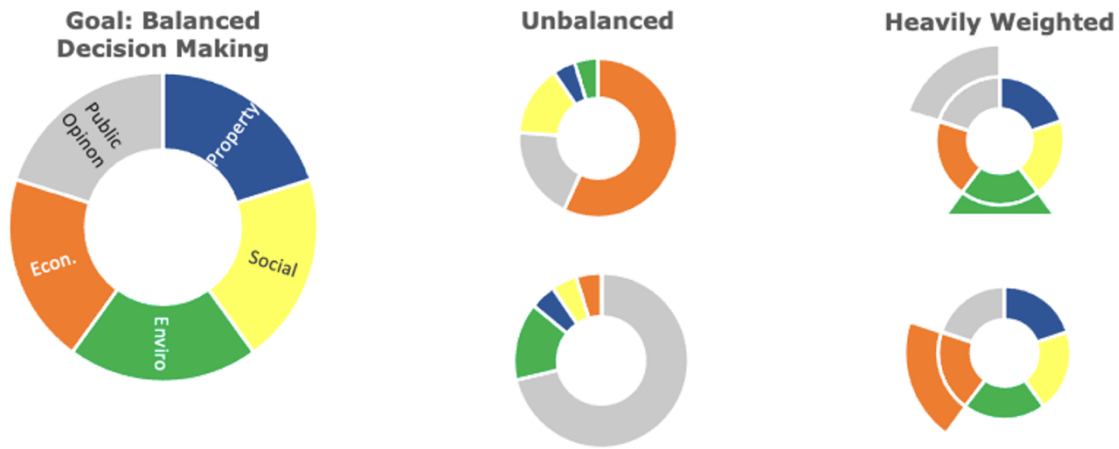
ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



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Report Reviewed by: _____
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Report Approved by:  _____
Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer