

March 11, 2019

Regional Councillor Don Hamilton  
Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee of York Region  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Regional Councillor Hamilton:

**Re: Appointments to York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019-2022 Term**

On February 28, 2019 Regional Council adopted the following recommendations:

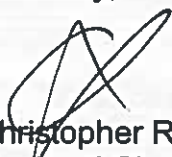
1. Council appoint the following individuals to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term:
  - Cheryl Davies
  - Astley Dennis
  - Laurie Fortnum
  - Lindsey Gold
  - Kirsten Hill
  - David Hingsburger
  - Barry Martin
  - Sandy Palombo
  - Joann Simmons
  - Vito Spatafora
  - Angelo Tocco
  - Scott Wollin
  
2. Council appoint Regional Councillor Hamilton as Chair of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term.

3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Human Services Planning Board of York Region, Community Partnership Council, and York Regional Police Services Board for information.

A copy of the staff report dated February 15, 2019 is enclosed for your information.

Please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Raynor  
Regional Clerk

Attachment

# **The Regional Municipality of York**

Regional Council  
February 28, 2019

Report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services

## **Appointments to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council for the 2019 – 2022 Term**

### **1. Recommendations**

1. Council appoint individuals listed in Private Attachment 1 to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term
2. Council appoint a member of York Regional Council as Chair of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2019 to 2022 term
3. Council appoint individuals listed in Private Attachment 2 to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2019 to 2022 term
4. Council appoint a member of York Regional Council and a member of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region as Co-Chairs for the 2019 to 2022 term
5. Council appoint individuals listed in Private Attachment 3 to the Community Partnership Council for the 2019 to 2022 term
6. Council appoint a member of the Community Partnership Council as Co-Chair for the 2019 to 2022 term
7. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Human Services Planning Board of York Region, Community Partnership Council, and York Regional Police Services Board for information

## 2. Summary

This report recommends members for the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council for the 2019 to 2022 term. Names of individuals recommended are provided in Private Attachments 1, 2 and 3 as they involve personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Key Points:

- On November 30, 2018, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council concluded their terms
- Recommended members meet the qualifications as outlined in each Committee's Terms of Reference and related legislated requirements

## 3. Background

### **The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee's mandate is to advise Council and York Regional Police on accessibility standards**

The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* requires municipalities with a population over 10,000 to establish an accessibility advisory committee with a majority of members being people with disabilities. The mandate is to advise Council and York Regional Police on the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards, and the preparation of accessibility reports. Council approved the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee's revised Terms of Reference on [May 17, 2018](#).

### **The Human Services Planning Board of York Region's mandate is to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of human services in York Region**

Council established the Human Services Planning Board of York Region in 2010. The Human Services Planning Board is a multi-sector collaborative of key human service agencies, non-profit organizations, government, private sector and community leaders. Its mandate is to work with community partners to build capacity and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of human services in York Region. On [June 28, 2018](#), Council approved the Human Services Planning Board of York Region's revised Terms of Reference. Its mandate was expanded to act as the Advisory Committee to Council for preparation of a Community Safety and Well-being Plan as set out in the *Police Services Act, 1990* and to provide input in the development and delivery of integrated human services policies and programs.

## **The Community Partnership Council's mandate is to advise, support and collaborate with the Region on immigrant integration**

In 2009 York Region was selected by the federal government to lead the Local Immigration Partnership initiative, which supports the settlement and integration of newcomers. Local Immigration Partnerships are required to establish a partnership council representative of the community. There are 77 Local Immigration Partnerships across Canada, with 35 in Ontario.

The Community Partnership Council includes diverse representation from government, settlement, language, employment, police, education, health and social services sectors. The mandate of the Community Partnership Council is to advise, support and collaborate with York Region on implementation of the [2017-2021 Newcomer Strategy](#). On [June 28, 2018](#), Council approved the revised Terms of Reference to include newcomers with lived experience.

## **4. Analysis**

### **Recommended members for the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meet requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005***

Under the Terms of Reference, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is to have between seven to fifteen members from across the Region, including three members of Council and the Regional Chair as an ex-officio member. The majority of members must be residents of York Region with a range of disabilities, and representative of urban, urbanizing and rural areas of York Region.

On [December 13, 2018](#) Council appointed the following members of Council to the 2019 – 2022 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Regional Chair and CEO Wayne Emmerson (ex officio)
- Regional Councillor Don Hamilton, City of Markham
- Regional Councillor Carmine Perrelli, Town of Richmond Hill
- Regional Councillor Tom Vegh, Town of Newmarket

Seven current members are continuing their membership for another term, as permitted by the Terms of Reference. This leaves five positions to be filled.

The positions are filled through an application process. York Region residents with disabilities, or individuals who are part of a York Region organization that serves people with disabilities, are eligible to apply. Advertising and recruitment occurred in November 2018. Thirty applications were received from the community and fourteen individuals were interviewed.

The list of individuals recommended to Council for appointment to the 2019 to 2022 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is provided in Private Attachment 1.

The Terms of Reference require Council to appoint a Chair who is a member of Regional Council. The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee will elect a Vice-Chair at its first meeting each year.

### **Recommended members for the Human Services Planning Board of York Region meet the requirements of an Advisory Committee under the *Police Services Act, 1990***

Under the Terms of Reference, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region has between seven and twenty-four members, including one to four members of Council. The Regional Chair serves as an ex-officio member.

On [December 13, 2018](#), Council appointed the following members of Council to the 2019 to 2022 Human Services Planning Board of York Region:

- Regional Chair and CEO Wayne Emmerson (ex officio)
- Mayor John Taylor, Town of Newmarket
- Regional Councillor Ferri, City of Vaughan
- Regional Councillor Heath, City of Markham

Under the Terms of Reference, members must meet the advisory committee requirements of the *Police Services Act, 1990*, be senior decision makers from a wide range of human service sectors, be able to provide strategic advice, identify and implement partnerships, and be able to advocate for ongoing improvements to human services in York Region.

The *Police Services Act, 1990* is set to be repealed and replaced with the *Police Services Act, 2018* at a date to be named by the provincial government. Both Acts have same requirements for advisory committee membership for a community safety and well-being plan. However, status of the legislative agenda is currently unclear. In the event that future legislation does not require an advisory committee or a community safety and well-being plan, the Region will still proceed with preparing a community safety and well-being plan with advice from the Human Services Planning Board.

Twenty-three organizations/entities that met the requirements were reviewed by a selection committee comprised of the Regional Chair and CEO, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Health Services, and were invited to participate on Human Services Planning Board for the 2019 to 2022 term.

A list of the twenty-three organizations and the representatives of each that are proposed to be appointed to the 2019 to 2022 Human Services Planning Board of York Region is provided in Private Attachment 2.

The Terms of Reference requires Council to appoint two Co-Chairs from the members of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region:

- One Co-Chair who is a member of Regional Council
- One Co-Chair who is a community member. The recommended community member Co-Chair is provided in Private Attachment 2.

## **Recommended members for the Community Partnership Council meet federal government requirements**

Under the Terms of Reference, the Community Partnership Council has a minimum of 12 members and no maximum, including one member of Council, and the Regional Chair as an ex-officio member.

On [December 13, 2018](#), Council appointed Mayor Scarpitti as Regional Council member and Co-Chair.

Community members include service providers from the settlement, employment, police, education, health and social services sectors, the Francophone community, and newcomers with lived experience.

Twenty-five organizations/entities that met the requirements were reviewed by a selection committee comprised of the Regional Chair and CEO, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Health Services, and were invited to participate on Community Partnership Council for the 2019 to 2022 term.

A list of the twenty-five organizations and the representatives of each that are proposed to be appointed to the 2019 to 2022 Community Partnership Council is provided in Private Attachment 3.

In addition to Mayor Scarpitti, Council must appoint a second Co-Chair who is a community member of the Community Partnership Council. The recommended community member Co-Chair is provided in Private Attachment 3.

## **5. Financial**

Costs associated with appointment of members to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council are included in the proposed 2019 Community and Health Services operating budget. Funding for 2019 includes \$163,000 from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada to support the Community Partnership Council.

## **6. Local Impact**

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council connect organizations across multiple sectors to improve outcomes for residents of York Region, including people living in low income, newcomers, and those with disabilities. In selecting proposed committee members, consideration was given to local municipal representation, community diversity and specific experience and qualifications as set out in each terms of reference.

## 7. Conclusion

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council play integral roles in helping advance the Region's vision of strong, caring and safe communities. The proposed members for the 2019 to 2022 term of each of these committees meet all membership requirements and will build on the strengths and successes of previous terms. Together their mandates support the Region's commitment to inclusion and accessibility, excellent customer experience, and community health, safety and well-being.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Recommended by:

**Katherine Chislett**  
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

Approved for Submission:

**Bruce Macgregor**  
Chief Administrative Officer

February 15, 2019  
Private Attachments (3)  
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