

## **REPORT**

### ***Legislative Services***

**To:** Mayor Cote and Members of Council      **Date:** January 31, 2022

**From:** Jacque Killawee  
City Clerk      **File:** 05.1025.02-2022

**Item #:** 2022-45

**Subject:** **Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Panels**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*THAT Council receive the report titled “Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commission, Board, and Panels” for information.*

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#### **PURPOSE**

To release to the public the Closed Council decision regarding appointments to City Committees, Commissions, Panels and Boards made on January 10, 2022, and to provide information to the public on the City’s 2022 recruitment process.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Further to Council’s direction on this year’s committee volunteer process, and as per Section 5 (Member Selection/Renewal) of the Advisory Committee Policy adopted by Council on September 9, 2019, Legislative Services staff carried out the following process to seek applications for Advisory Bodies to Council:

1. “Opportunities to serve as a Committee member must be widely advertised so that all interested residents can apply”:

All vacancies were advertised in the following ways:

- Posted on the City’s website;
- Advertisements were placed on City Page in both electronic form and printed in *The Record*;
- Promoted on the City’s social media channels;

- Promoted on posters distributed to City facilities and local businesses; and
- Letters requesting nominations were sent to organizations with respect to specific organization-based vacancies. Staff discussed with these organizations the importance of diversity on City committees and ask them to support the City in this goal with their nomination.

In an effort to reach beyond the normal audience staff took the following steps:

- The Communications Department posted information on the City's social media accounts, these posts were promoted heavily;
- Legislative Services staff also visited all community centres, the Gurdwara Sahib Sukh Sagar Temple, and businesses on Twelfth Street to distribute posters and flyers to new audiences;
- Staff further emailed invitations to all First Nations, and all New Westminster middle and secondary schools. The School District distributed the poster to all parents and students at the high school; and
- Staff emailed immigrant serving organizations requesting they distribute the advertisement to their members. These organizations included WINS.

Staff also explored posting advertisements in ethnic media but on the direction of Communications did not proceed with it for this recruitment period. Concerns were raised about the ability to reach a targeted local audience through publications with a broad provincial or Western Canadian reach. More research and data needs to be gathered on which publications have a readership based in New Westminster as well as a more targeted approach to ad creation for specific ethnic audiences in order to maximize promotional potential (resource dependent). As an alternative, paid social media ads were created with a more educational objective as a start to building more community awareness about committees in general in order to boost recruitment potential this period or in future periods.

In addition to advertising the positions, staff with the aid of Jorge Cardenas, Chief Librarian and Susan Buss, Deputy Chief Librarian ran an information session on City Committees discussing commitment, roles, and walking the 12 members of the public in attendance, through the vacancies.

Once the applications were received, staff member leads for the committees reviewed the applications, seeking to appoint volunteers to fill the vacancies that would ensure that a diverse and representative group of individuals on the committees, as established in 2020, was maintained. Care was taken to ensure that no neighbourhood of the City was over represented, that where possible, a gender balance was achieved, and persons from various ethnic and economic backgrounds, and abilities were selected for each committee. Care was taken to appoint important stakeholders regardless of residential address. In addition, this year with the changing of committees, staff took care to ensure that youth and seniors were also represented on all City committees.

Of particular note, vacancies for an Indigenous community representative remain on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee, and the Social Inclusion, Engagement, and Reconciliation Advisory Committee. As the City's reconciliation process and Lived Experience program progressed, staff were able to connect with and identify more individuals who could be relevant to appoint to these positions.

**Release of Closed Motion:**

At the January 10, 2022, Closed meeting, New Westminster City Council approved the following motions:

**THAT** Council appoint the following members to Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels, for the positions and terms indicated:

Arts Advisory Committee

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Stephen O'Shea	Representative, Arts Council of New Westminster	January 31, 2024
Kelly Proznik	Representative, Education Sector	January 31, 2024
Katey Wright	Representative, Local NFP Arts Sector 1	January 31, 2024
Erin Jeffery	Representative, Local NFP Arts Sector 2	January 31, 2023
Timonthy Elijah	Artist, New Westminster Based 1	January 31, 2024
Julia Schoennagel	Artist, New Westminster Based 3	January 31, 2023
Eden Patten	Artist, Other	January 31, 2023
Jas Lally	Arts Professional	January 31, 2024
Anjana Pradhananga	Urban Designers, Architects, Landscape Architects 1	January 31, 2024
Giulia Setticasi	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 1	January 31, 2024
Ezra King	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 2	January 31, 2023
Sienna Campbell	Community Representative, including Youth (3) with Broad Representation of the City's Demographics, including the Indigenous Community 3	January 31, 2023

Affordable Housing and Child Care Advisory Committee

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Dalia Al Houseini	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Viramit Bajwa	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Avnil Chand	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Jessi Gillis	Community Member 6	January 31, 2024
Bruna Maciel	Community Member 7	January 31, 2023
Louise Sallai	Representative, BC Housing	January 31, 2023

Advisory Planning Commission

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Diego Pons	Community Member 3	January 31, 2025
Luana Pinto	Community Member 4	January 31, 2025
Quentin Van Der Merwe	Community Member 6	January 31, 2025

Community Heritage Commission

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Bozana Djuric	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024
Kletzky Morales	Community Member 5	January 31, 2024
Virginia McMahon	Community Member 6	January 31, 2024

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Vera Kobalia (Downtown)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 1	January 31, 2024
Monita Cheng (Brow of Hill)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 2	January 31, 2024
Michael Grindlay (youth)	Community Representative from Commercial Area 3	January 31, 2024
Joelene Foreman (McBride Sapperton)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 1	January 31, 2024
Jorden Foss (Small business manufacturing, retail)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 2	January 31, 2024
Imran Gill (Tourism)	Sectoral Representative from Local Business Community 4	January 31, 2024

Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Ryan Bardini	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Farbod Behshad	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Nazli Azimikor	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Elsie Krebs	Representative, Professional in Environment or Climate Field, Business, Government or Non-Profit 2	January 31, 2024
Alvin Kube	Representative, Indigenous Community	January 31, 2024

Facilities, Infrastructure, and Public Realm Advisory Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Danielle Karlsson	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024
Sonam Swarup	Community Member 2	January 31, 2024
Ross Arbo	Community Member 3	January 31, 2024
Luana Pinto	Community Member 4	January 31, 2024
Nelson Roy	Community Member 5	January 31, 2024

New Westminster Design Panel

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Winston Chong	Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) 1	January 31, 2024
Stanis Smith	Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) 2	January 31, 2024
Micole Wu	BC Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) 2	January 31, 2024

Restorative Justice Committee

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Amanda Semenoff	Community Member 1	January 31, 2023
Tu Van Trieu	Community Member 2	January 31, 2023
Paige Mercier	Community Member 3	January 31, 2023
Gurinder Mann	Representative, CERA	January 31, 2023
Pamela Craven	Representative, School District 40	January 31, 2023
Alvin Kube	Representative, New Westminster Indigenous Court	January 31, 2023
Bailer Keeler	Representative, Victim Assistance, New Westminster Victim Assistance Association (NWVAA)	January 31, 2023

Constable John MacDonald	Representative, New Westminster Police Department	January 31, 2023
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Social Inclusion, Engagement and Reconciliation Advisory Committee

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Tony Duong	Community Member 1	January 31, 2023
Frances Blake	Community Member 2	January 31, 2023
Damian Durica	Community Member 3	January 31, 2023
Megumi Taguchi	Community Member 4	January 31, 2023
Natalie Johnston	Community Member 5	January 31, 2023
Sarah Murray	Community Member 6	January 31, 2023
Rozina Jaffer	Community Member 7	January 31, 2024
Vishal Jain	Community Member 8	January 31, 2024
Satnam Sangra	Community Member 9	January 31, 2024
Nate Batara	Community Member 10	January 31, 2024
Briana Harris	Community Member 11	January 31, 2024

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee

Member	Position	Term Expiry
Dan Hawke	Person who Walks, Uses Transit or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation 1	January 31, 2024
Tanushree Pillai	Person who Walks, Uses Transit or Cycles as Part of their Daily Mode of Transportation 2	January 31, 2024
Matthew Chan	Person with Professional or Technical Expertise in Active Transportation, Universal Design, Road Safety, Goods Movement, Emergency Services, and/or Healthy Built Environment	January 31, 2024
Vic Leach	Representative, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization	January 31, 2023
Spencer Gillis	Community Member 1	January 31, 2024

**THAT** Council rescind the appointment of Reena Meijer-Drees as the Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization Representative to the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC); and

**THAT** Council appoint Vic Leach as the Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization Representative to the Sustainable Transportation Advisory

Committee (STAC) for the remainder of the term ending January 31, 2023; and

**THAT**, pursuant to the City of New Westminster Advisory Committee Policy adopted in 2019, the Mayor grant waivers to the following for the reasons detailed in attachments 4,7,8, 10 and 11 of the January 10, 2022, report entitled "Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels":

- Luana Pinto, to allow her to serve as a Community Member on both the Advisory Planning Commission and on the Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm Advisory Committee at the same time; and
- Alvin Kube, to allow him to serve as the New Westminster Indigenous Court Representative on the Restorative Justice Committee and as the Indigenous Community Representative on the Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee; and
- Sarah Murray, to allow her to serve on the Social Inclusion, Engagement, and Reconciliation Advisory Committee despite being a non-resident of the City of New Westminster.

**THAT** the appointments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Boards and Panels be released to the public.

### **OPTIONS**

**Option 1:** THAT Council receive the report titled "Recruitment 2022: Appointments to Advisory Committees, Commission, Board, and Panels" for information; or,

**Option 2:** Please provide Staff with other direction.

Staff recommends Option 1.

### **CONCLUSION**

Appointments and rescindments to Advisory Committees, Commissions, Panels, and Boards must be authorized by a Council resolution. Further requests to fill vacancies or resignations will be brought to Council as required.

This report was prepared by:  
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This report was approved by:  
Jacque Killawee, City Clerk  
Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer