

Corporate Report

Report from Economic Development and Customer Service, Office of the City Clerk

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Subject: Appointments to the Culture Committee, Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History and the St. Catharines Museum Advisory Committee

Recommendation

That Council appoint two new members to participate on the Culture Committee; and

That Council appoint two new members to participate on the St. Catharines Museum Advisory Committee; and

That Council appoint two new members to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History; and

Further, that staff advise these Committees of these appointments. FORTHWITH.

Summary

This report is requesting that Council appoint new members to the Culture Committee, the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History and to the St. Catharines Museum Advisory Committee.

Background

The Culture Committee was formed in 2001 to advise Council on culture-related matters and provide recommendations for investment through the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program. Its membership is comprised of up to 19 members and includes two artists, eight representatives from the cultural community, one member of Council and eight members from culture-related agencies and City departments.

The Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History was formed in 2011 to provide advice to Council regarding the feasibility of establishing a national black history museum within the City of St. Catharines. It is made up of 10 – 12 members including representatives from stakeholder groups and members of the general public.

The St. Catharines Museum Advisory Committee provides advice to City Council on the acquisition and preservation of information and objects relative to the history of St. Catharines for display, education and research purposes. It also makes provides

advice on policy and plan development, mandate review, and acts as public advocates in support of the museum's mandate. It is comprised of seven members plus one member of Council.

Report

Positions have become available on each of the three Committees due to resignations of former members. The Culture Committee and St. Catharines Museum Advisory Committee each require two new members and the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Black History requires two new member. These vacancies were advertised publicly and applications were received by Corporate Support Services. The Culture Committee has recommended preference for candidates with some grant writing or evaluation experience.

Financial Implications

N/A

Notification

It is in order to notify all applicants.

Submitted by:

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