
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CLE-09-2023 Council Appointments

For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 29, 2023



OBJECTIVE:

To fill board and committee vacancies created through the Ward 4 Councillor vacancy from March 2023, and to appoint a Deputy Mayor and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council's Business Divisions until November 14, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CLE-09-2023 Council Appointments be received;
2. AND THAT Councillor Metcalfe be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period from November 15, 2023 to November 14, 2024;
3. AND THAT, notwithstanding the appointments adopted on December 12, 2022, the following appointments for Chairs and Vice Chairs for the Business Divisions of Council in Committee for Haldimand County be made for the period from September 7, 2023 to November 14, 2024:

Public Meeting for Planning Applications	Chair - Councillor Patterson Vice Chair - Mayor Bentley
Community & Development Services	Chair - Councillor Lawrence Vice Chair - Councillor Shirton
Public Works Operations	Chair - Councillor Trainer Vice Chair - Councillor Patterson
Engineering & Capital Works	Chair - Councillor Metcalfe Vice Chair - Councillor Lawrence
Financial & Data Services	Chair - Councillor O'Neill Vice Chair - Councillor Trainer
Corporate & Social Services	Chair - Councillor Shirton Vice Chair - Councillor O'Neill
Corporate Affairs	Chair - Mayor Bentley Vice Chair - Councillor Metcalfe

4. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2026;
5. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to the Hagersville Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the term ending November 14, 2026, or until a successor is appointed;
6. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to the Court of Revision for the term ending November 14, 2026;

7. AND THAT Councillor O'Neill be appointed to the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2026;
8. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to Heritage Haldimand, in place of Councillor O'Neill, for the term ending November 14, 2026;
9. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to the Museums Advisory Board, in place of Councillor O'Neill, for the term ending November 14, 2026;
10. AND THAT Councillor Trainer be appointed to the Police Services Board for the term ending November 14, 2026, or until a successor is appointed.

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Approved: Cathy Case, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In order to fill the board and committee positions created through the Ward 4 Councillor vacancy earlier this year, this report presents recommended appointments. For expediency, the recommended appointments for Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Deputy Mayor for the term up to November 14, 2024 are also presented at the same time, rather than reporting again in October.

BACKGROUND:

Haldimand County's Procedure By-law provides for one-year terms for the Deputy Mayor, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Business Division for Council in Committee. All other Council appointments to boards and committees are made for the full term of Council and accordingly, on December 12, 2022, Council adopted a set of appointments that aligned with these timelines and appointed Council representatives to all required boards and committees.

On March 6, 2023, Councillor Stam resigned from Council and a by-election was held June 19, 2023 to fill the vacancy, where Councillor Trainer was elected to represent Ward 4. At this time, it is necessary to appoint members of Council to the board and committee vacancies created with the Ward 4 Council vacancy. While a report would usually come forward in October to recommend appointments for the Deputy Mayor and Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the term spanning November 15, 2023 to November 14, 2024, it is considered expedient to also make those appointments at this time.

ANALYSIS:

With the resignation of Councillor Stam in March 2023, vacancies were created on certain boards and committees, as well as with two Chair and Vice-chair positions within Business Divisions. Most boards and committees consisted of multiple members, so they operated with one less member over the past six months, and where necessary, the Mayor or the Business Division Vice-Chair stepped in. The boards and committees with a vacant Council appointee position are: Agricultural Advisory Committee, Hagersville BIA, Court of Revision, Health and Social Services Advisory Committee and the Police Services Board. The Chair of Financial & Data Services as well as Vice-Chair of Community & Development Services were also vacant. Based on discussions with Council members, recommendations to fill the vacancies are noted in the report recommendation. Councillor Trainer is recommended to be appointed to a number of the vacant positions, with some adjustments amongst committees and business divisions also being recommended.

The by-law appointing Councillor Metcalfe as Deputy Mayor has no end date, so no new by-law is required to reflect his reappointment as Deputy Mayor.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The only Haldimand County Council appointment that comes with additional remuneration is that of Deputy Mayor. The supplemental remuneration for the position is \$3,459 annually as of January 1, 2023. All members of Council receive an annual stipend of \$5,000 in addition to their base remuneration to recognize additional workload associated with their appointments to various board/committees, and are not eligible for remuneration that may be provided to citizen members. Council members appointed to the Board of Directors for Conservation Authorities also receive remuneration from those respective bodies.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

1. [Report CLE-07-2022 Council Appointments to Boards and Committees](#)
2. [Council Representation on Haldimand County Boards and Committees](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

None.