

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

1100 Patricia Blvd. | Prince George, BC, Canada V2L 3V9 | [www.princegeorge.ca](http://www.princegeorge.ca)

**DATE:** October 25, 2022

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** MAUREEN CONNELLY, CORPORATE OFFICER/MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Municipal Directors to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. APPOINT Mayor Yu to serve as a Municipal Director on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board until the first meeting of Council is held after the 2026 General Local Election, and assign a voting strength of five (5) votes to that Director position;
2. APPOINT three (3) members of Council to serve as Municipal Directors on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board until the first meeting of Council is held after the 2026 General Local Election, and assign a voting strength of five (5) votes to each of those three (3) Municipal Director positions;
3. APPOINT one (1) member of Council to serve as the Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board until the first meeting of Council is held after the 2026 General Local Election; and
4. APPOINT the remaining four (4) members of Council, in rotating alphabetical order, to serve as Secondary Alternate Municipal Directors to each of the four (4) Municipal Directors on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board until the inaugural meeting of Council after the 2026 General Local Election.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint Municipal Directors to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board.

## BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, Council is entitled to appoint four (4) members of Council to act as “Municipal Directors” on the Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

The total voting strength of the four (4) Municipal Directors is twenty (20) votes. The *Local Government Act* requires that the voting strength be equally distributed among the Municipal Directors if possible.

Therefore, the four (4) members of Council appointed as Municipal Directors must be each assigned a voting strength of five (5) votes.

City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011 (the “Council Procedures Bylaw”), provides that Council shall appoint the Mayor to serve as one (1) of the four (4) Municipal Directors on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board.

The Council Procedures Bylaw states that any two (2) members of Council may nominate any Councillor to serve as one (1) of the three (3) remaining Municipal Directors. If more than three (3) Councillors are nominated, then Council must vote by ballot to appoint the three (3) Municipal Directors. Staff will have ballots prepared for use at the November 7, 2022, meeting in the event that more than three (3) Councillors are nominated.

Council must also appoint Councillors as “Alternate Municipal Directors” to take the place of an absent Municipal Director at a Regional District Board meeting. In this regard, the Council Procedures Bylaw sets out the following system to determine which Alternate Municipal Director is to act in the place of any absent Municipal Director:

- (a) One (1) Councillor is appointed as a “Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director”, who may take the place of any absent Municipal Director; and
- (b) Each of the four (4) remaining Councillors are appointed, in rotating alphabetical order, as a “Secondary Alternate Municipal Director” to each of the four (4) Municipal Director positions, if the Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director is absent, or if more than one (1) Municipal Director is absent.

The Council Procedure Bylaw further states that if more than three (3) Councillors are nominated as Municipal Directors, then the Councillor receiving the fourth highest number of votes in the ballot voting will be appointed as the Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director.

#### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council appoint four (4) Municipal Directors, one (1) Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director, and appoint the remaining four (4) Councillors as Secondary Alternate Municipal Directors to serve on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board, as described in this report.

#### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Maureen Connelly, Corporate Officer/  
Manager of Legislative Services

**PREPARED BY:** Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Maureen Connelly, Manager, Legislative Services

#### **APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager

**MEETING DATE:** November 7, 2022