



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: October 25, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: WALTER BABICZ, GENERAL MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. APPOINT Mayor Lyn Hall 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 2022 General Local Election, and assign a voting strength of five (5) votes to him;
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 2022 General Local Election, and assign a voting strength of five (5) votes to two (2) of those three (3) Municipal Directors, and assign a voting strength of four (4) votes to the remaining one (1) Municipal Director;
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 2022 General Local Election; and
4. APPOINT four (4) members of Council to each serve as a Secondary Alternate Municipal Director to one (1) of the four (4) Municipal Directors on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board until the first meeting of Council is held after the 2022 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 nineteen (19) votes. The *Local Government Act* requires that the voting strength be equally distributed among the Municipal Directors if possible, and if equal distribution is not possible then the difference in voting strength between Municipal Directors cannot be greater than one vote. Therefore, three (3) Municipal Directors must be assigned a voting strength of five (5) votes, and one (1) Municipal Director must be assigned a voting strength of four (4) 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, with the highest voting strength available to be assigned.

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 5, 2018 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:

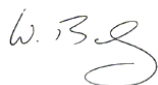
- (a) One (1) Councillor is appointed as a “Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director”, who may take the place of any absent Municipal Director; and
- (b) each of the four (4) remaining Councillors are appointed as a “Secondary Alternate Municipal Director” to one (1) of the four (4) Municipal Directors, 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:

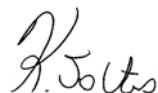
It is recommended that Council appoint four (4) Municipal Directors, one (1) Floating Primary Alternate Municipal Director, and four (4) Secondary Alternate Municipal Directors to serve on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, as described in this report.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Walter Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services

APPROVED:



Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2018