

## COMMON COUNCIL REPORT

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Service Area	Legislative Services

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: Appointments to Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees***

### ***AUTHORIZATION***

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### ***RECOMMENDATION***

That Council direct the Nominating Committee to review and make recommendations to fill the the Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees' vacancies resulting from the municipal election; and further, that the Council appointees on the Planning Advisory Committee be increased to 2 members.

### ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

Council is responsible for appointing over 170 individuals (Council members and citizens) to 31 Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Council is required to fill the vacancies resulting from the municipal election and therefore should direct its Nominating Committee to begin this work.

### ***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

N/A

### ***REPORT***

The City of Saint John currently has 31 Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees ("ABCCs") to which it appoints membership. The ABCCs differ in terms of size, the services they deliver and/or the functions they fulfill, their connection and/or reporting relationship with the city, their governance structure, and their funding from the city.

In some cases, the ABCCs provide direct service delivery to the residents (e.g. Police, Transit, Parking) and in other cases, Common Council is provided with an opportunity to appoint an individual to represent its interests or the interests of the community at large (e.g. Saint John Airport, SJ Port Authority, Uptown SJ).

There are currently eight (8) 'significant' ABCCs (i.e. with significant financial and/or operational linkage to the City of Saint John), including: SJ Transit, SJ Parking, SJ Board of Police Commissioners, SJ Energy, Planning Advisory Committee, SJ Aquatic Centre, Harbour Station (TD) Commission, Trade and Convention Centre Oversight Committee. The Mayor is required to sit on five of the eleven in an ex-officio capacity.

There are nine (9) other ABCCs and four (4) Committees of Council on which either Mayor or Councillors are required to sit. They are Canada Games Foundation, Cities Association of NB, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Heritage Development Board, Regional Facilities Oversight, PRO Kids, SJ Emergency Measures, Fundy Region Service Commission, Community Grants, Finance Committee, Growth Committee, Public Safety Committee and Nominating Committee.

Lastly, there are nine (9) ABCCs where Council may appoint at least one member. These include: Shared Risk Pension, Fort LaTour Development Authority, Imperial Theatre, Lord Beaverbrook Rink, Rockwood Park Endowment, Saint John Airport, SJ Community Arts Board, SJ Free Public Library, Substandard Property Appeals and Uptown SJ.

In total, Council is responsible for appointing approximately 170 individuals (both council members and citizens) to the ABCCs. Most of these positions involve citizen appointments for terms of 3 years with a limit of 2 consecutive terms being served.

The terms for Council members serving on ABCCs are generally for 4 years (their term on Council). Council members do not receive additional compensation for serving on the ABCCs and should not be appointed as chair. The exception to this is for Standing Committees of Council and Council created committees where Council members do serve as chair.

As a result of the municipal election, all positions on ABCCs requiring appointments of Council members are now vacant and therefore must be filled as soon as possible. It is recommended that Council direct its Nominating Committee to begin the review process and appointment process immediately.

The Nominating Committee will review all ABCC vacancies and submit recommended ABCC appointees to a closed session of the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole must support the recommendations by majority vote before the process can be finalized. A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to make the board appointment is then submitted to Council's open session agenda for final approval.

***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

Good Governance

***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

N/A

***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

N/A

***ATTACHMENTS***

ABCC list