
MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: June 12, 2023
To: Mayor and City Councillors
From: Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer
Report #: COU23-075
Attachments: None

Title: Chair of Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee

Objective: To consider the appointment of the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk renewal Committee.

Background: City Council approved the establishment of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee at the March 27, 2023, Regular Council meeting. The purpose of the Ad-Hoc Committee is:

- To support the Grand Trunk Master Plan adopted by City Council;
- To act as a sounding board to the City on matters dealing with the renewal of the Grand Trunk building, including building designs and architectural plans;
- To identify fundraising opportunities and support fundraising initiatives;
- To advise and assist with the development of a public engagement program and promote the activities of the Grand Trunk renewal;
- To liaise with other committees or organizations with overlapping roles and responsibilities.

The City will be seeking interest from individuals who wish to serve on the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference established by Council.

Council is being asked to consider appointing the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee now to assist in the recruitment process for positions on the Committee. The appointments will be the responsibility of Council to make.

Analysis: The position of Chair is vital to the work of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee and in meeting its mandate. This responsibility requires an individual who has broad community knowledge and experience and in depth knowledge of the Grand Trunk site and Master Plan. This individual should also have experience with working with upper levels of government, community members and with fundraising activities. Experience chairing committees or board meetings is also an asset.

The following options for appointing a Chair have been identified for Council's consideration at this time:

- Option 1: That the City recruit for a Chair prior to starting recruitment for the Ad-Hoc Committee members for consideration by Council.
- Option 2: That Dan Mathieson be appointed as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Option 3: That consideration of appointment of a Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee be referred to staff for further review.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

There are no financial impacts identified for the purposes of this report. An amount has been established in the 2023 Budget to support the preliminary work of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee, including costs to advertise for applicants.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

Funds will need to be approved by Council during 2024 budget deliberations for the work of the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Widening our Economic Opportunities

Strengthening Stratford's economy by developing, attracting and retaining a diversity of businesses and talent.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Equity and Local Economy

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

Culture and Community

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

Travel and Transport

Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.

Staff Recommendation: For the consideration of Council.

Recommended by: Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer