



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 16, 2018
REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge & Council
FROM: Annilene McRobb, Deputy Clerk
SUBJECT: Appointment of Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

STRATEGIC PLAN

12.7 Demonstrate innovation in all aspects of municipal business acknowledging the importance of training, succession planning, transparency, communication and team-based approaches to municipal operations.

BACKGROUND

At the May 22, 2018 Meeting, Council passed By-law 2018-35 establishing a Joint Compliance Audit Committee amongst the Wellington County Municipalities. Subsequently, all the other Wellington County municipalities have also passed the same by-law. This Committee is to review and respond to compliance audit applications from eligible electors after the election who may have reasonable grounds to believe a candidate has contravened the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) relating to election campaign finances.

Committee members must have background in accounting and audit preferably with experience preparing or auditing candidate financial statements, college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration, legal profession or other individuals with knowledge of campaign financing provisions of the Elections Act.

The Township of Puslinch coordinated recruitment of applicants. Committee vacancies were posted on each Municipality's website (and social media, where applicable), and an ad was posted in the Wellington Advertiser.

COMMENTS:

The purpose of this report is to appoint members to the Committee. Four applications were received for the committee and were reviewed by a small task force made up of the Deputy Clerk from the Township of Puslinch, the Deputy Clerk from the Township of Guelph-Eramosa and the Clerk from Centre Wellington. The task force reviewed all the applications for eligibility and made a recommendation to the remaining Wellington County Clerks that all four applicants be appointed. It was agreed each Municipality will be bringing forward by-laws to appoint the following four members:

- Jim McQueen
- Wesley (Wes) Snarr
- Douglas Auld
- Joseph Servos

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Committee meeting costs, should a complaint arise are estimated at \$1,000 based on 4 committee members at \$125 per person per meeting. Two meetings have been assumed should a complaint arise.

Council is entitled to recover the auditor's costs from the applicant if an auditor's report indicates that there was no apparent contravention of the Act, and the Committee finds that there were no reasonable grounds for the application. Recovery of costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the Deputy Clerk's report with respect to the Appointment of Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members, and considers a By-law in Open Session appointing Members to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

Annilene McRobb, Deputy Clerk