

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Corporate Services

Date: April 15, 2024

Subject: Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council appoints Amy Coates to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular meeting of November 14, 2022, Council approved and established the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee with the intention of providing advice and recommendations to Council on matters relating to citizens with disabilities, seniors, and other citizens with access issues that may impede participation in everyday aspects of community living.

In February 2024, Alice Pritchett gave her resignation from the committee. As a result, the District advertised and accepted applications from the public to participate on the committee starting March 20, 2024 and ending April 15, 2024. One application was received.

Applications are evaluated based on related work, volunteer, or lived experience with accessibility issues, whether their intentions and goals for participating on the committee aligned with the committee's terms of reference; and their availability to participate in meetings and additional committee activities. Amy Coates application is available in Centre Table file for Council's further information.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer