

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	INCREASED ENGAGEMENT OF POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to increased engagement of post-secondary students in local government through participation on advisory committees:

- a) the terms of reference for the following advisory committees BE AMENDED to include a post-secondary student representative as a non-voting resource member, to be appointed on an annual basis:
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Advisory Committee on the Environment
 - Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
 - Creative City Committee
 - London Advisory Committee on Heritage
 - London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee
 - London Housing Advisory Committee
 - Transportation Advisory Committee;

it being noted that while the Municipal Council’s current advisory committee structure already permits many individuals who are post-secondary students to participate on advisory committees as voting or non-voting members, this amendment will allow those students who would might not otherwise be eligible for membership on an advisory committee to participate as a non-voting member, in addition to any existing youth non-voting members;

- b) the Fanshawe Student Union and the University Students’ Council, Western University BE REQUESTED to:
- i) advise the City Clerk who their nominees are for the above-noted advisory committee positions for the term ending February 28, 2014; and
 - ii) advise the City Clerk who the contact will be for the Fanshawe Student Union and the University Students’ Council, Western University, for providing the City Clerk with future nominees to fill any vacancies as they arise.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #5 – Finance and Administrative Services Committee – February 27, 2012

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on June 11, 2013, resolved:

“That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to utilize the services of students to assist with implementing the various recommendations pertaining to the increased engagement of post-secondary students in local government by September 2013, as detailed in the communication appended as Item #9 of the Corporate Services Committee’s May 28, 2013 Agenda, from A. Fearnall, President University Students’ Council, Western University; it being noted that A. Fearnall and A. Gourlay, President, Fanshawe Student Union, gave a verbal overview with respect to this matter.”

One of the above-noted recommendations was to appoint one post-secondary representative annually as a non-voting resource member on each of the following citizen advisory committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee on the Environment
- Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
- Creative City Committee
- London Advisory Committee on Heritage
- London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee
- London Housing Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee

On August 26, 2013, Kate Graham, Manager, Corporate Initiatives and Julie He, Intern, met with representatives of the University Students’ Council to further discuss their suggestions regarding how students could become more involved with, and participate in, local government. The purpose of this report is to address the recommendation regarding the appointment of a post-secondary student as a non-voting resource member on the above-noted advisory committees.

It should be noted that the Municipal Council’s current advisory committee structure already permits many individuals who are post-secondary students to participate on advisory committees as voting or non-voting members. However, this amendment will allow those post-secondary students who might not otherwise be eligible for membership on an advisory committee because of the four-year term commitment, or age requirements for voting members, to participate as a non-voting member for an annual term, in addition to any existing youth non-voting members that currently participate on certain advisory committees.

A complimentary report will be coming forward from the Civic Administration, at the September 24, 2013 meeting of the Corporate Services Committee, regarding the other recommendations for the increased engagement of post-secondary students in local government.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK