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REPORT TO: REPORT FROM:	Chair and Members of the Community and Corporate Affairs Committee Renée Brown, Deputy Clerk – Legislation and Elections
DATE:	May 3, 2019
REPORT NO.:	ADMIN-2019-0019
RE:	Appointment to the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2019-0019 dated May 3, 2019 regarding Appointment to the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the person named in Confidential Appendix A to Report No. ADMIN-2019-0019 be appointed to the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND:

At the beginning of each new term of Council the Town of Halton Hills Committees and Boards are also newly appointed for a term that runs concurrent to the term of Council. All of the positions for the various boards and committees were posted in The Independent and Free Press and the Acton Tanner on Thursday December 13, 2018 and Thursday January 10, 2019 as well as appearing on the Town of Halton Hills website from December 13, 2018 until January 18, 2019. The postings for all of the positions closed on January 18, 2019 and over 50 applications were received for the various boards and committees. Members of Council interviewed the applicants on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 and Saturday, February 23rd, 2019.

COMMENTS:

The number of applicants for the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee was less than the maximum number of members permitted to be on the committee. The Chair of the committee reviewed all of the applications and interviewed the applicants that had not served on the committee in prior years. The Chair recommended the appointment of all of the applicants but there was one new applicant that was not available at the time of the interviews. The Chair interviewed the applicant after the initial recommendation for appointments and has advised staff that they would like to have the individual appointed to the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Promote public participation on strategic advisory committees, and ensure that a sound cross-section of views and interests are maintained.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

CONSULTATION:

The Chair of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee reviewed the applications and interviewed the applicants.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

The implementation of citizen advisory committees and boards is the ultimate form of public engagement. The Town provides an opportunity for members of the public to apply and if successful form part of an advisory committee and/or board. The advisory committees and boards provide Council with input and recommendations regarding their specific area of expertise.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report is not applicable to the Strategy's implementation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff from the Clerk's office will be contacting the applicant to advise them of Council's decision.

CONCLUSION:

That staff be directed to proceed with the appointment to the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee as recommended through Report No. ADMIN-2019-0019.

Reviewed and Approved by,

Jane Jones

Suzanne Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

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Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer