



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 25, 2024

Title: Working Circle Member Appointment

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Department: Administration

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Recommendation:

That Council appoint the City's Museum and Heritage Coordinator, Michelle Walter, to the City of Dryden Working Circle, a Committee of Council.

Background:

In July of 2020, Council approved the creation of the Working Circle with a mandate to develop recommendations to Council to achieve the City's Strategic Plan goals related to strengthening relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Related Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities:

Strategic Priorities:

2.1 Goal: Community Diversity and Inclusion

1.0 "Develop support systems to welcome and familiarize new and existing citizens to the City of Dryden" (not all of whom may be Indigenous)

2.0 "Continue to foster positive relationships with Indigenous peoples and neighbouring First Nations communities"

2.5 Goal: Economic and Investment Diversity

7.0 "Partner with Indigenous organizations and communities and other organizations to foster local and regional economic growth"

The Working Circle will fulfill their scope through engagement with City of Dryden Indigenous residents, organizations, visitors and neighbouring First Nation communities, and will strive to:

- Identify issues important to Dryden's Indigenous population. These would include things such as lifestyle issue, social issues, amenities Indigenous people are seeking and other issues impacting experiences living in the community.
- Develop recommendations for City Council and City staff on strategies, outcomes and action items the City could adopt to improve the experiences of Indigenous people in Dryden.
- Identify actions or activities the community could take to bring the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members closer together.
- Identify opportunities for fostering positive relationships between Indigenous peoples and other community members.

Membership of the Working Circle is:

Indigenous members:

- Ted Mitchell (Co-Chair)
- Cheryl Edwards
- Tamarah Quequish
- Neil McLeod
- Lloyd Napish

City Council and Staff members:

- Councillor Catherine Kiewning (Co-Chair)
- Councillor Michelle Price
- Mayor Jack Harrison
- CAO Roger Nesbitt
- Special Projects Manager Colleen Brosseau

Discussion:

As the City's Special Projects Manager, Colleen Brosseau, retired November 22, 2024, it is recommended that the City's Museum and Heritage Coordinator, Michelle Walter, take on the Working Circle roles that Ms. Brosseau had held for the past few years.