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SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY WELLAND establishes a Nominating Committee consisting of the Mayor (ex-officio), the Vice Mayor, and the immediate past Vice Mayor for the purposes of recruiting and recommending nominees from the members of Council for Council's consideration to appoint those nominees to committees, boards, positions, etc. required of Council.

ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND:

In the previous Council term, a process was established for staff to recruit, evaluate, and recommend to Council appointments of citizens to committees, commissions, boards, etc. of Council. This process works very well and meets the spirit and intent of Bill 130 amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, for openness and accountability.

Clarifications to the openness and accountability ideals now necessitate Council to review the appointment selection process by Council of its own members to committees, boards, positions, etc.

COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS:

The purpose of the Nominating Committee would be to determine from the other members of Council their interest to serve as an appointee of Council, as required, from time to time. When nominees have been determined, the Nominating Committee would call a public meeting to be attended by all members of Council – likely just prior to a Council/General Committee meeting. At that meeting, the Nominating Committee would present its findings and request the members of Council in attendance to confirm, add to, and/or vote (if necessary) on the slate of candidates. The outcome of the Nominating Committee meeting would then be recommended to Council for ratification.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

None

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

The staff recommendation contained in this report addresses the following strategic priorities from the 2004-2006 Strategic Planning Session:

- 1.2 – Developing and implementing an overarching public relations strategy, focusing on improving communications with the public about decisions of council and staff, and why a particular direction is being chosen
- 1.4 – Ensuring the City focuses on providing core services (complimentary to the efficient use of tax dollars)

OTHER DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Although appointment of Councillors to various boards, committees, positions, etc. affects all applicable departments, it is clearly within Council's purview to determine which member(s) of Council are to serve in these positions.

The Nominating Committee will be supported for its meeting purposes by the Clerk's Division staff. Other departments will from time to time be called upon by the Committee to provide information on the duties, expectations, terms of reference pertinent to appointed positions within the applicable department's jurisdiction.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The creation of a Nominating Committee will enable Council to be proactive in seeking interested Councillors to serve for various appointments under Council's purview, and to provide a means of making those decisions open and transparent to the public.

ATTACHMENTS:

None