

To: Members of General Committee

From: John Kennedy, City Clerk

Meeting Date: October 15, 2019

Subject: Report CLSCLK19-022

**Extending Terms of Citizen Appointments to the Planning** 

**Advisory Committee (PAC)** 

## **Purpose**

A report to seek approval for extension of the terms for members of the Planning Advisory Committee.

## Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CLSCLK19-022 dated October 15, 2019 of the City Clerk, as follows:

That the term extension for the citizen appointees of the Planning Advisory Committee to November 30, 2020, be approved.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budget or financial implications with the adoption of this recommendation.

## **Background**

The Planning Advisory Committee was established in December 2017 as a pilot project in response to Bill 73, the **Smart Growth for Our Communities Act.** The five-member Committee has one Council member, and four citizen appointees with terms to November 2019. As part of report CPCLK17-024 staff advised that a report would be brought forward to Council prior to the end of the committee's term, with a status update and any suggested amendments to the PAC Terms of Reference.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise on comprehensive, city-initiated matters such as Official Plan (OP) and Zoning By-law amendments and any other planning matters as directed by Council. It was anticipated the Committee would meet at least four times a year.

The Committee first met in April 2018 and at that meeting, elected a Chair and Vice Chair and provided comment on the Secondary Suites Policy Review. The Committee has not met since this time.

Planning staff resources have been focused on the Official Plan Review and the extensive consultations and outreach involved in this process (from April 2018 to date there have been 39 presentations, a four day design charette and numerous pop-up events). On July 9, 2019 the Draft OP was released and feedback is being gathered.

It is important that the PAC Committee be involved in providing input on the Draft OP, as well as being able to experience a more 'typical' year of planning activities prior to staff reviewing the functioning of the Committee. As a result, staff are recommending that the terms for the current Citizen appointees be extended to November 2020.

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