



Staff Report for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 4, 2024

Report Number: SRCFS.24.032

Department: Corporate and Financial Services

Division: Office of the Clerk

Subject: **SRCFS.24.032 - Heritage Richmond Hill
Committee Education Community
Representative - Remainder of 2022 to 2026
Term of Council**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the resignation of Heritage Richmond Hill's (HRH) Education Community representative, and to recommend that for the remainder of the current Term of Council, the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be authorized to operate without an Education Community representative.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That staff report SRCFS.24.032 - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Education Community Representative - Remainder of 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, be received;
- b) That the resignation of the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Member, Crystal Yu, be received; and
- c) That, for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council, the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be authorized to operate without an Education Community representative and without making any amendments to the Committee's composition as outlined in its Terms of Reference.

Contact Person(s):

- Ryan Ban, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, extension 5547

Report Approval:

All reports are electronically reviewed and/or approved by the Division Director, Treasurer (as required), City Solicitor (as required), Commissioner, and City Manager. Details of the reports approval are attached.

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Key Messages:

- Since the beginning of this Term of Council, HRH has had two Education Community representatives resign;
- City staff have faced challenges in receiving timely nominations from the four School Boards in Richmond Hill regarding their recommendation of an individual for consideration as the Education Community representative;
- Staff are seeking Council approval for Heritage Richmond Hill to operate without an Education Community representative for the remainder of the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council.

Background:

On January 24, 2024, Richmond Hill City Council appointed Trustee Crystal Yu to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee as its Education Community representative due to the resignation of the Education Community representative appointed at the beginning of this Term of Council, Tom Pechkovsky, who resigned on November 14, 2023.

On March 27, 2024, the Office of the Clerk was notified by the Manager of Trustee Services with the York Region District School Board that Trustee Crystal Yu had resigned as both a Trustee and as the Education Community representative for the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee. Subsequent to this, the Office of the Clerk conducted a By-election for the York Region District School Board Trustee, Wards 1, 2, and 4.

Discussion:

Since the beginning of this Term of Council, two Education Community representatives, Tom Pechkovsky and Crystal Yu, have resigned from the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee. Appointments to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee are decided by Council and require City staff to reach out to the four School Boards in Richmond Hill to receive their recommendation for nominations to HRH for Council's consideration.

Previous recruitment requests to the four School Boards have yielded minimal nominations, making the appointment of an Education Community representative to the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee a challenge due to lack of nominations.

Given the difficulty of retaining and receiving nominations for an Education Community representative, Staff recommend that the Heritage Richmond Hill Committee be authorized to operate without an Education Community representative for the remainder of this Term of Council and without making any amendments to the Committee's composition as outlined in its Terms of Reference (Attachment A for reference).

Financial Implications:

There are no financial or staffing implications to this report.

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Relationship to Strategic Plan 2024-2027:

Heritage Richmond Hill's purpose is to advise Council on matters relating to Richmond Hill's heritage and to serve as a resource for the community on heritage-related matters. Advocacy for Richmond Hill's heritage properties relates to Strategic Pillar 1 of growing a livable, sustainable community and Priority 3 of conserving the city's unique cultural heritage.

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendixes, maps and photographs. All attachments have been reviewed and made accessible. If you require an alternative format please call the contact person listed in this document.

- Attachment A: - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Terms of Reference

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	SRCFS.24.032 - Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Education Community Representative - Final.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment A - SRCFS.24.032 Heritage Richmond Hill Committee Terms of Reference.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephen Huycke - Aug 12, 2024 - 11:17 AM

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