Nomination of Citizens for Appointment to L.A.C.A.C. and Historical Museum Management Board (Scarborough)

(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Scarborough Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (November 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) by adding the names "Ian Archer" and "Kenneth MacKinnon", being the nominees by the Scarborough Historical Society:

Purpose:

To forward to Council recommendations for the appointment of citizens to the Scarborough LACAC Panel and to the Scarborough Historical Museum Management Board.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council appoint the following citizens to serve on the Scarborough LACAC Panel for a term to begin January 1, 2000, and despite section 14 of By-law No. 795-1999, to expire on November 30, 2003, or until their successors are appointed: Donald Allen, Joan Dolson, Sandy Grigg, Robert Saunders, Rick Schofield, Donald Smith, and Scott Woodland;
- (2) Council appoint the following citizens to serve on the Scarborough Historical Museum Management Board for a term to begin January 1, 2000, and despite subsection 5(4) of By-law No. 793-1999, to expire on November 30, 2003, or until their successors are appointed: Richard Ashok Coutinho, Grace Kelsey, Walter Liu, Carolyn Lockett, and Paul J. Von Zuben;
- (3) future citizen appointments to these boards be for three-year terms coincident with the term of Council; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meetings of December 16 and 17, 1998 and April 13, 14 and 15, 1999, City Council established a governance structure for the delivery of the City's heritage programs and services.

Council established a Toronto Preservation Board with six Community Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) Panels. Citizen appointments to the Toronto Preservation Board are to be nominated by the Economic Development and Parks Committee. Each Community Council will nominate the membership of the Community LACAC Panel in its jurisdiction.

Nine Community Museums Management Boards (CMMBs) were created. Citizen appointments for CMMBs for Fort York, The Pier and the Collections and Conservation Board are to be nominated by the Economic Development and Parks Committee. Each Community Council will nominate the membership of the CMMBs in its jurisdiction.

Council also established Heritage Toronto as an arm's length Board for advocacy, fundraising and city-wide programming. Citizen appointments to Heritage Toronto are to be nominated by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

The By-laws required to formally establish these boards and panels will be brought forward by the City Solicitor to the meeting of Council to be held November 23, 24 and 25, 1999.

Comments:

At its meeting of December 16 and 17, 1998, Council approved a series of fundamental principles related to the governance of heritage services in the City. These include the prime importance of input from the local community; and the importance of sustaining, at the local community level, a partnership of professional staff and volunteers.

The new structure for heritage governance increases from nine to eighteen the number of citizen boards and panels involved in the delivery of heritage services in the new city. 105 to 133 citizens will be directly involved on the new boards. Attachment 1 identifies all of the new boards and panels and their composition.

To ensure as broad a participation as possible, applications were made available through existing boards and committees, were advertised in newspapers and on the City's website, and a public information session was held on August 30, 1999. 152 applications were received. Three citizen review panels were established to consider applications, conduct interviews and make recommendations to Economic Development and Parks Committee and Community Councils on the candidates best qualified to serve on the new boards. Staff of the Culture Office provided administrative support and participated in an advisory capacity. The full slate of recommended nominees developed by the review panels is contained in Attachment 2. A list of participants on the review panels is contained in Attachment 3.

Scarborough Community Council is being asked to nominate citizens for appointment to the following: Scarborough LACAC Panel, Scarborough Historical Museum Management Board. The nomination slates being recommended represent a full slate of nominees. The individuals being recommended by the review panels are well qualified and bring energy, knowledge and skill to the work of these new boards.

The review panels recommend the following nominees:

Scarborough LACAC Panel Nominees:

Donald AllenRick SchofieldJoan DolsonDonald SmithSandy GriggScott Woodland

Robert Saunders

Scarborough Historical Museum Management Board Nominees:

Richard Ashok Coutinho Carolyn Lockett
Grace Kelsey Paul J. Von Zuben

Walter Liu

Conclusions:

The appointment of these citizens to the newly established heritage boards allows the City to proceed with the implementation of its plan for a new partnership between the City's heritage staff and its citizen boards.

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The Community Council received a communication from Mr. Lionel Purcell, President, Scarborough Historical Society, advising of the Society's nominees to the Scarborough Historical Museum Board, being Mr. Ian Archer and Mr. Kenneth MacKinnon. A copy of this communication was provided to all Members of Community Council, and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, Scarborough Civic Centre.