

Aboriginal Affairs Committee Membership

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➤ Background

- 7 seats on the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC) are vacant
- At a previous AAAC, members shared thoughts on possible voices/sectors that could be added to complement existing membership

We want to discuss how best to fill those vacancies.

➤ What We Have Heard So Far

- Formal representation from Elders, knowledge keepers, community members who aren't affiliated with organizations, seniors, youth and the 2 Spirit community could enhance the Committee
- Sector/Issue specific representation is a consideration for new members (with new members offering expertise in environmental issues, business, innovation, the arts, economic development, etc.)

➤ Possible Strategies for Recruiting New Members

- General call for membership (based on membership criteria developed in partnership between the City, the AAAC and a broader group of Indigenous community members unaffiliated with the City or the AAAC)
- Targeted recruitment focusing on sectors/community needs (based on criteria developed by City and the AAAC and/or a broader circle of community members)
- Inviting additional organizations not represented on AAAC
- Solicit ideas for membership recruitment from community members and partners at a virtual town hall
- Other possibilities developed in collaboration with the AAAC

Suggestions are ideas only – the AAAC is being approached early in the brainstorming phase to help develop strategies to recruit new members.