

## **Committees of Council Policy 3.11 – Amendments to Membership Composition**

### **Recommendation:**

**THAT Council adopt Council Policy 3.11 – Committees of Council, as amended.**

### **Report Purpose and Summary Statement:**

To provide further refinements to the membership composition of the Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee and Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusivity to ensure a broader range of voices and subject matters experts from the community are represented on the committees.

### **Previous Council Action:**

Council adopted an amended Committees of Policy 3.11 in December 2024

### **Financial Impact:**

N/A

### **Funding Source:**

N/A

### **Strategic Alignment:**

Governance & Corporate Excellence

### **Climate Impact:**

N/A

### **Applicable Legislation/ Bylaw/Policy:**

*Community Charter, Council Policy 3.11*

**To:** Mayor and Council

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Advisory Committees play a vital role in supporting Council through focused discussion on specific topics. These committees consist of Council members, community representatives and subject matter experts. Their work allows for more detailed consideration than what is possible within regular Council meetings.

In December of 2024 a new advisory committee structure was created based on council's strategic priorities. Staff and Council liaisons have been engaged in the application review and interview process over the past two months. Staff have identified some further recommended revisions to the membership composition to ensure a broader range of voices and subject matter experts from the community are represented on the committees.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES:**

#### **Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee**

- Decreasing the members at large from 5 to 3
- Adding 1 Representative from the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network
- Adding 1 Representative from the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Family Education and Support Centre

Rationale: The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network previously held a membership position on the Social Policy Advisory Committee. The vision of the Community Network is to provide direction to the development of social services for the communities of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Katzie First Nation, collaborating with service providers, non-profit organizations, schools and community networks that enable residents to enjoy the highest level of health and well-being possible. With their vast connection to agencies, the Community Network is able to bring the voices of many to the table.

The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Family Education and Support Centre is a non-profit organization offering programs and services including parenting programs, support groups, and multicultural services, aimed at supporting families and individuals in the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Katzie communities.

### **Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusivity**

- Replacing the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Family Education and Support Centre with 1 member from the Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
- Decreasing the members at large from 4 to 3
- Adding 1 Representative from the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows Katzie Seniors Network

Rationale: The focus of the Ridge Meadows Assisted Community Living is to provide services and advocacy to the community that support children and adults with developmental issues and their families. With programs that provide developmental, educational, recreational, vocational, and residential services to support more than 600 individuals, the Ridge Meadows Assisted Community Living is able to provide valuable insight on removing and preventing barriers to individuals with disabilities in the City of Maple Ridge.

The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Seniors Network is a non-profit community planning table whose work and focus is to strengthen the health and well-being of older adults in our communities by advocating for improvements in seniors' transportation options, seniors' affordable housing, health care, home support programs, mental health and dementia supports and more.

### **Strategic Alignment:**

Governance and Corporate Excellence

### **Financial Impact:**

None

### **Applicable Legislation/Bylaw/Policy:**

The authority to establish standing (advisory) committees is provided by the *Community Charter*. In addition, the operation and regulation of committees are governed by the Council Procedure Bylaw and the Committees of Council Policy 3.11.

### **OPTIONS & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Recommended – Adopt the proposed policy amendments
2. Maintain the current committee structures.
3. Refer back to staff for further review and amendments.

**CONCLUSION:**

The proposed changes to Policy 3.11 will enhance the effectiveness of Council Committees by improved engagement and broadening the range of contributors to the governance process.

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**Attachments:** (A) Committees of Council Policy 3.11 - redlined

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