



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk

Date: 2023-01-12

Subject: Appointment to Elgin Group Police Services Board

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Appointment to Elgin Group Police Services Board; and

That West Elgin Council hereby appoints Ida McCallum as the representative to the Elgin Group Police Services Board as the Community Representative from Western Elgin.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to appoint a citizen appointee for Western Elgin to the Elgin Group Police Service Board.

Background:

The Elgin Group Police Services Board is a Board under the current Police Services Act and the appointments to this board expire with the term of Council. The Procedural By-law for the Elgin Group the Board shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) community representative from Western Elgin, appointed by resolution jointly by the Township of Southwold, the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and the Municipality of West Elgin for a 3-year term. The Western Elgin municipalities have taken turns appointing a community representative, however as there are changes to the board coming under the new Community Safety and Policing Act, when it comes into force, the municipalities have agreed to allow the previous appointee, Ida McCallum to remain on the board.

Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, Section 10 municipalities were required to submit a proposal indicating the preferred composition for a new OPP detachment board. On behalf of the Elgin Group Municipalities, the Secretary/Administrator submitted an application for status quo board composition in June of 2021. Once the Act comes into effect and the Ministry approves the composition of the board, the Elgin Group Police Services Board will be dissolved and a new board will be established. In late 2022, the Chair of the Board wrote requesting we re-appoint Ida as her term had ended in 2021, and they anticipated hearing from the Ministry before the new term of Council, this did not happen. As the Ministry approval may come at any time, it is felt that re-appointing Ms. McCallum with her knowledge is the best course of action as no one knows if the appointment will last months or the full three years.

Staff have confirmed with Ms. McCallum that she is willing to stay on as the community representative from Western Elgin until such time as the board is dissolved or her term comes to an end.