



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk

Date: 2022-08-11

Subject: Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee Appointments 2022

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from J. Nethercott, Clerk re: Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee Appointments, 2022 be received; and

That West Elgin Council endorses the appointment of Christene Scrimgeour, Andrew Wright, Daniel Ross and Dr. Zachary Spicer to sit on the Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee for the period of 2022-26 and

That West Elgin Council consider giving three readings to the By-Law confirming these appointments.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to receive Council endorsement of the recommended appointments to the Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee for 2022-2026

Background:

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA)*, as amended, requires that every municipality appoint a Compliance Audit Committee prior to October 1st in the year of a Municipal Election.

Earlier in 2022, Elgin County Clerks discussed and agreed to again recommend establishment of a joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election. Each Elgin County Member Municipality has approved the Terms of Reference and By-Law to establish the Joint Committee. At this point, members need to be appointed to the Joint Committee.

Advertising for prospective Committee Members was undertaken in May and June of 2022 through advertisements in local newspapers, contacting previous members of the 2018 Joint Committee and by posting advertisement information on each municipal webpage.

Elgin County Clerks have had the opportunity to review applications received and are recommending the following individuals to serve on the Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election:

- **Christine Scrimgeour** – is a Chartered Account and is familiar with the Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act. She is an auditor for several Elgin County Municipalities and has previously served on the Joint Elgin Election Compliance Audit Committee.

- **Andrew Wright** – is a lawyer at Siskinds LLP that specializes in Municipal Law. He is familiar with all applicable legislation as a result of his profession and has previously served on the Joint Elgin Election Compliance Audit Committee.
- **Daniel Ross** – is a retired lawyer and businessperson from the Elgin County area. He served on the City of London and joint Middlesex County Compliance Audit Committees in 2018 and has accepted these positions again for 2022.
- **Dr. Zachary Spicer** – is an Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration at York University. He specializes in municipal governance and public policy and has application-based experience with the Municipal Elections Act as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Province of Ontario. He also has employment experience as a Municipal Advisor with the Province of Ontario's Central Municipal Services Office, where he supported municipalities throughout the 2018 Municipal Election, including supporting several compliance audit committees.

Based on the appropriateness of qualifications and significant experience demonstrated by the above listed candidates, staff are recommending that Council endorse the appointment of Christine Scrimgeour, Andrew Wright, Daniel Ross and Dr. Zachary Spicer to sit on the Joint Elgin Compliance Audit Committee.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications.

Compensation for Compliance Audit Committee Members is outlined in the approved Committee Terms of Reference

Policies/Legislation:

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA)