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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health & Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of
Report: Health #2023-MOH-05
Date: September 7, 2023

Subject:

Durham Nuclear Health Committee Membership

Recommendations:

That the Health & Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

That the following individuals be appointed to the Durham Nuclear Health Committee as follows:

- i) Dr. Lubna Nazneen: Public Member – Ajax
 - ii) Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul: Public Member – Pickering
 - iii) Madison Kidd: Public Member (youth) – Oshawa
 - iv) Madisen Wood: Public Member (youth) – Whitby
 - v) Adam de Grosbois: Alternate Member – Clarington
 - vi) Bill Rattan: Alternate Member – Whitby
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to appoint the above individuals to the Durham Nuclear Health Committee (DNHC) to fill public member and alternate member vacancies, effective immediately.

2. Background

- 2.1 The DNHC acts as a scientific and technical oriented committee primarily focused on nuclear emissions, nuclear wastes and other related topics by providing a forum for discussing and addressing potential radiation and environmental human health impacts with nuclear industry representatives who will connect directly with

environmental human health experts and members of the public from the nuclear host communities and elsewhere in Durham Region.

- 2.2 As per the [DNHC Terms of Reference](#), composition of the committee includes nine public members who reside in either Ajax, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, or Whitby, and if possible, three of whom reside in Ajax/Pickering and three of whom reside in Clarington.
- 2.3 Composition also includes up to three alternate public members who represent absent public members.
- 2.4 Information about the volunteer recruitment process was provided on durham.ca/dnhc from July 5 to 26. Additionally, volunteer members were sought through posts and advertisements on Durham Region Health Department social media platforms throughout July as well as published advertisements in the Orono Weekly Times on July 5 and Metroland (Clarington This Week and Ajax/Pickering News Advertiser) on July 6.
- 2.5 Interested applicants were interviewed in August 2023 by Dr. Robert Kyle, Chair DNHC and Dianne San Juan, Secretary, DNHC. Applicants were selected based on their interest in nuclear energy and human health.
- 2.6 Two of the recommended public members are youth that have expressed a keen interest in the scope and mandate of DNHC. They have the knowledge and ability to function as public members of DNHC and if appointed will have the same responsibilities as all other public members. DNHC will benefit from having the youth perspective as part of discussions.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Goal 2: Community Vitality: Enhance community safety and well-being.
 - b. Goal 5: Service Excellence: Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 In summary, it is recommended that the Health & Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council that the following members be appointed to DNHC:
 - a. Dr. Lubna Nazneen, formerly an Alternate Member (Public Member – Ajax)
 - b. Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul (Public Member – Pickering)
 - c. Madison Kidd (Public Member (youth) – Oshawa)
 - d. Madisen Wood (Public Member (youth) – Whitby)

- e. Adam de Grosbois (Alternate Member – Clarington)
- f. Bill Rattan (Alternate Member – Whitby)

Respectfully submitted,

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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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