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REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2019

SUBJECT **Appointment Process for Southern Vancouver Island Representative on B.C. Ferries Authority Board of Directors**

ISSUE

The term of appointment for the current Southern Vancouver Island representative to the B.C. Ferry Authority Board expires March 31, 2020 and recommendations for a new appointment are required.

BACKGROUND

In July 2019, the Chair of the B.C. Ferry Authority (Authority) advised that the current Southern Vancouver Island (SVI) region appointment to the Authority Board, Ms. Susan G. Mehinagic, expires in March 2020 (see Appendix A). According to the *Coastal Ferry Act* (Act), one representative is chosen from the SVI region and is selected from names put forward by both the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board. The requirements of the position and expectations, including compensation, are covered in the Backgrounder document in Appendix B.

Under the Act, the Authority's mandate is as follows:

- overseeing the strategic direction of B.C. Ferries in support of the public interest, including the public's interest in safe, reliable and affordable coastal ferry services in British Columbia;
- appointing the directors of B.C. Ferries' board of directors;
- approving compensation plans for the directors and executives of B.C. Ferries; and
- approving the audited financial statements of the Authority.

The process for seeking names for appointment is as follows:

- 1) Place newspaper advertisements (3) and request submission of nomination forms (see Appendix C).
- 2) Consideration, by subcommittee of the Governance and Finance Committee, of nomination forms against the requirements of the appointment, as laid out in Appendix B.
- 3) The subcommittee recommends a short list of nominees to the CRD Board.
- 4) At the November in-camera meeting, the CRD Board ratifies the names to be forwarded onto the Authority,
- 5) The Authority will appoint a SVI representative from one of the names put forward by CVRD or CRD.

This is similar to the process completed for the Authority appointment in 2017 and for the Victoria Airport Authority appointment in 2018.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Governance and Finance Committee:

1. Direct staff to work with B.C. Ferry Authority to place advertisements and invite

applications to be the Southern Vancouver Island representative on the B.C. Ferry Authority Board of Directors;

2. Form a subcommittee of up to five (5) members who will make a short list of three (3) recommended appointments for consideration by the CRD Board at the November meeting.

Alternative 2

That the Governance and Finance Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the CRD put forward the name of the current B.C. Ferry Authority Board member from Southern Vancouver Island, Susan G. Mehinagic, to the B.C. Ferry Authority for reappointment for a three-year term to end March 31, 2023.

CONCLUSION

The current Southern Vancouver Island representative to the B.C. Ferry Authority Board expires in 2020, and the Authority is requesting that the CRD Board put forward 3-5 names for appointment consideration. Working with the authority, ads will be placed in newspapers inviting applications which will be considered by a sub-committee of the Governance and Finance Committee; a short list of names will be confirmed by the Board before submission to the Authority for their appointment.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Governance and Finance Committee:

1. Direct staff to work with B.C. Ferry Authority to place advertisements and invite applications to be the Southern Vancouver Island representative on the B.C. Ferry Authority Board of Directors;
2. Form a subcommittee of up to five (5) members who will make a short list of three (3) recommended appointments for consideration by the CRD Board at the November meeting.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Letter from B.C. Ferry Authority Board Chair Sandra A. Stoddart-Hansen

Appendix B: B.C. Ferry Authority - Director Nominations Backgrounder

Appendix C: B.C. Ferry Authority Nomination Form