



Report to: General Committee

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**SUBJECT:** National Zero Waste Council Membership Appointment  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) THAT the report entitled “ National Zero Waste Council Membership Appointment” be received; and
- 2) THAT the City of Markham joins Canada’s National Zero Waste Council;
- 3) THAT Deputy Mayor Jack Heath be appointed to represent Markham as a member of the National Zero Waste Council.
- 4) AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for Deputy Mayor Jack Heath to represent Markham as a member of Canada’s National Zero Waste Council.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the December 1, 2015 Environmental Issues Committee meeting, it was recommended and approved that Deputy Mayor Jack Heath be appointed to represent Markham as a member of the National Zero Waste Council.

The National Zero Waste Council (NZWC) is a leadership initiative bringing together governments, businesses and non-government organizations to advance Zero Waste and the Circular Economy in Canada.

The Council was created in 2013 by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with FCM, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The Council has representatives from Metro Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Edmonton. In just two short years, the Council has strategically grown its membership and network of partners, undertaken national outreach and engagement through its member-led working groups.

With a focus on product design and behavior change the Council is taking action on the factors that drive down waste generation in support of a high quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic prosperity while consuming fewer resources and less energy.

## **NZWC VISION**

Canada united in the achievement of zero waste, now and for future generations.

## **NZWC MISSION**

To act collaboratively with business, government and the community, at the national and international level, as an agent of change for waste prevention and reduction in the design, production and use of goods.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership to the Council is a two-step process and open to local, provincial, federal or territorial government entities; for-profit businesses or business organizations; not-for-profit organizations; or other public or academic entities. There is no fee associated with membership. An organization can join the NZWC either as a supporter or a member. A membership application must be accompanied by a Council Resolution endorsing the application form. The application is then forwarded to the Board for approval. Once approved, membership is valid for two years.

Members must agree:

- To acknowledge the guiding principles of the Council, including those embodied in the vision and mission statements, and agree to act in conformance with and support both.
- Demonstrate a commitment to waste prevention and reduction by submitting a Statement of Intent as part of the application process
- Demonstrate organizational support for the Council by submitting a resolution as part of the application process
- Identify a lead politician or senior staff to support the work of, and participate in, the NZWC.
- Be available to serve on NZWC working groups and committees.
- Be in substantial agreement with the policy positions of the NZWC.
- Attend the NZWC AGM to the best of their ability.
- Place the NZWC logo, and a link to the NZWC website, on their organization's website, and have their website linked on the NZWC website (The name of the NZWC nor its logo cannot be further used without explicit permission).

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)**

There is no cost to become a member of the National Zero Waste Council at this time. Membership does not require attendance at meetings. Attendance at meetings or related events to be paid according to Council approved Policy.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

Not Applicable

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Not Applicable

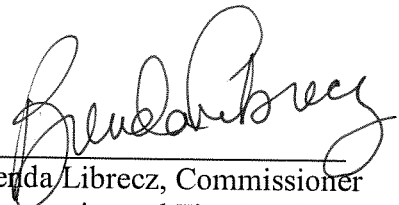
**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Finance Department has been consulted

**RECOMMENDED BY:**



Peter Loukes, P.Eng  
Director, Environmental Services



Brenda Librecz, Commissioner  
Community and Fire Services