

From: Margo Sheppard, Chairperson, Preservation Review Board

Date: November 7, 2023

Title: Preservation Review Board Membership

Description: Recommendation to increase the number of members of the PRB from 8 to 10

The Preservation Review Board, at its meeting of September 12, 2023, approved the following motion:

THAT the Preservation Review Board draft a report to City Council for review and discussion at the next PRB meeting to recommend that: two (2) new member spots be added to the PRB in order to bring the number of members to ten (10) from the current eight (8).

The *Heritage Conservation Act* permits municipalities to constitute Heritage Boards of between five (5) and eleven (11) members. Fredericton's Preservation Review Board (PRB), which has responsibility for implementing By-law No. L-4, the City of Fredericton Heritage Preservation By-law, has eight (8) members but there is currently one vacancy.

The Preservation Review Board will be closely involved in implementing the 2024 Implementation Plan for the Fredericton Heritage Program and Services Review. The one-year plan was approved by City Council on September 11, 2023.

The PRB recommends that Council consider increasing the number of members to ten (10). The Board is of the view that this will provide the opportunity for the Board to benefit from additional expertise so that members can be involved in research, consultation and other activities supporting plan implementation. The Board also believes that increased membership will help ensure good Board participation through members' normal absences from PRB meetings due to illness, work commitments, etc.

Accordingly, the Board directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council increase the number of members it appoints to the Preservation Review Board to ten (10).