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Some thoughts from on:

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I have read the draft policy proposal and, aware that it is first draft, I have identified below, several areas that may require clarification or revision going forward to the final policy document.

Thank you for considering them.

Jim Young, [REDACTED].

1. The new policy says residents may only sit on only one Advisory Committee.

Corporate Policy Page 2 of 10 Public Appointments: "..... Burlington residents and business owners can only be appointed to one committee at a time"

Corporate Policy Page 3 of 10 Public Appointments ".....Applicants will only be appointed to one committee or board. CL-26-21 Appendix B....."

This makes sense from the perspectives of broadening participation and preventing excessive influence by some multi-committee participants.

However, at present as part of their remit, the Seniors Advisory sends a member to ITAC, Accessibility and Inclusivity Advisories. The Accessibility Advisory sends a member to ITAC and to Inclusivity Advisory. The Cycling Advisory sends a member to ITAC. There may be more crossover memberships, but there are currently several people who serve on more than one Advisory.

If members may not serve on more than one Advisor per the new policy, will the new policy end these crossover memberships? Or will exceptions be incorporated for them?

2. The new policy says members may not extend participation beyond their final term except in special circumstances where that extension is deemed to be of value to the committee.

Corporate Policy Page 5 of 10 Public Appointments "...Current Members who Serve their Maximum Term Current members who have served their maximum amount of terms, who wish to be considered for re-appointment, may re-apply. Their application must include a letter to the nominating panel, and Council explaining the extenuating circumstances, and why they should be re-appointed for another term.

Corporate Policy Page 7 of 10 Public Appointments: "..... Current members who have served their maximum terms, who are seeking reappointment may be reappointed due to extenuating circumstances. In their reappointment Council may approve for a full term or a partial term....".

Will that process be initiated by the committee clerk who identifies the extenuating circumstance? By the Advisory Committee Chair? or by the member who has reached their term extension and sees value in continuing? How is that process begun? Who initiates the re-application?

3. The new policy says the proposed terms are for two years with recurring terms to a maximum of six, designed to run concurrently with council terms.

Corporate Policy Page 6 & 7 of 10 Public Appointments:

Appointment Terms:

".....Council shall appoint members for two-year terms. Appointees shall be able to serve up to three terms for a total of six years served on a committee or board. Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment are to be consecutive with the term of Council. Committee of Adjustment members may serve up to two consecutive terms, eight-years total....." "Appointments shall not be made beyond the term of Council....."

Next council term begins December 2022. Will existing memberships run until then or will there be appointments for a single "transition" year from now until December 2022?

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4. The new policy appears to encourage participation on Advisory Committees from "external institutions".

Corporate Policy Page 7 of 10 Public Appointments:

" Appointments to Advisory Committees from External Institutions Based on an advisory committee terms of reference, external institutions may nominate a member(s) to serve on their behalf. These appointments are subject to Council approval "the Committee Clerk will provide a communication to the external institution inviting them to nominate members for appointment"

Should this be read as welcoming participation from external institutions such as, but not limited to, Burlington Green, Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit, Partnering Aldershot, Sheldon Creek Project, Tyandaga Environmental Coalition, Burlington Road Safety Committee?

I thank you for the work to date on this matter and look forward to your responses.

Jim Young.

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