

REPORT Meeting Date: 2023-06-08 Regional Council

REPORT TITLE: Appointment of Administrator Under the Ontario Works Act, 1997

FROM: Sean Baird, Commissioner of Human Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Jabari Lindsay be appointed as Ontario Works Administrator in accordance with Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act*, 1997; and

2. That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Central Region Office of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for processing and Provincial approval.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ontario Works Act, 1997 (Act), requires the appointment of an Administrator of Ontario Works to oversee the administration of the Act in Peel Region. This appointment must be made through a resolution of Council.
- Following a recent competition, Jabari Lindsay was the successful candidate for the role
 of Director of Income and Social Supports, which is responsible for the Ontario Works
 portfolio. He is recommended for appointment as the Ontario Works Administrator.
- This appointment also requires the approval of the Provincial Director of Ontario Works.

DISCUSSION

Background

Pursuant to Section 43 of the Act, each delivery agent of Ontario Works must appoint an administrator to oversee the administration of this Act and the provision of assistance in the delivery agent's geographic area. Through a ministerial regulation under the Act, the Province has designated Peel Region as the delivery agent of Ontario Works. The same section of the Act requires that the Provincial Director of Ontario Works approve the appointment of an Ontario Works Administrator.

In order for the Provincial Director of Ontario Works to approve the appointment of an Ontario Works Administrator for Peel Region, Council must appoint a Peel staff person to this position. It is the usual practice that the Director responsible for Ontario Works in Peel be named Administrator of Ontario Works.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from this decision.

CONCLUSION

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To ensure that Ontario Works Programs are delivered in compliance with legislation, it is recommended that Council approve the appointment of Jabari Lindsay as the Administrator of the *Ontario Works Act*, 1997.

Sean Baird, Commissioner of Human Services

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