

**Council Meeting Number 01-2024
Addendum Number 2
Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

Reports

Report Number 02: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend)

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Clause 5.

5. Reaction Hub Board Appointment

That Councillor _____ be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Reaction Hub for a term ending November 30, 2024.

(The Report of the Director, Office of Strategy, Innovation & Partnerships (24-036) is attached to Addendum Number 2 as schedule pages 1-5)

Communications

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of Communication Numbers 01-60 and 01-61.

01-60 Correspondence received from John Grenville with respect to “Questions arising from the Open House on Growth Analysis and Urban Land Needs Study”, dated December 1, 2023.

(Distributed to all members of Council on December 5, 2023)

01-61 Correspondence received from Bruce Hill with respect to Population Report, dated December 5, 2023.

(Distributed to all members of Council on December 5, 2023)



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 24-036**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Craig Desjardins, Director, Office of Strategy, Innovation & Partnerships
Resource Staff: None
Date of Meeting: December 5, 2023
Subject: Reaction Hub Board Appointment

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: 5. Drive Inclusive Economic Growth

Goal: 5.3 Diversify Kingston's economic base.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a member of Council to the Board of Directors of the Reaction Hub (Chemtech Commercialization Project). Council approved financial support of this project as detailed in [Report Number 22-233](#) with a number of conditions that included securing matching grant funding, finalizing of the governance model to allow for Council input into the selection of the community advisory committee and representation on the board and negotiations of the terms of a lease.

The Reaction Hub project has advanced to the stage where it is now appropriate that Council appoint a board member. Staff have been working with the Reaction Hub board and staff to prepare for implementation of the business plan.

This report is being brought forward at this time due to time sensitivity of strategic work on grant funding and the need to finalize the operational model of the Reaction Hub.

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Recommendation:

That Councillor _____ be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Reaction Hub for a term ending November 30, 2024.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY DIRECTOR

**Craig Desjardins, Director, Office
of Strategy, Innovation &
Partnerships**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Development & Growth Services	Not required
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Major Projects & Strategic Initiatives	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Transportation & Emergency Services	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Background

On August 9, 2022 Council received [Report Number 23-233](#) – Creating a Clean Tech Innovation & Commercialization Hub.

The RXN HUB has been built by thirteen founding partner agencies who lead Canada in sustainable ventures and chemical development. The founding organizations recognized the “scale-up gap” is prominent in chemical technology innovation and limits their ability to scale impactful companies. The solution is shared infrastructure and specialized resources funded with a pooled \$3M, matched by the City of Kingston, to build a purpose-built 22,000 square foot facility in Kingston.

The project is currently in the final stages of due diligence for a \$3M contribution with funders through a non-public ecosystem initiatives pilot program.

RXN HUB has assembled a team of experienced founders who have been through the process of commercialization themselves as entrepreneurs, investors, and scientists.

- Sebastian Alamillo-Falkenberg | Executive Director
- Morgan Lehtinen, PhD | Director of Commercialization
- Jared Lucas, MEng, MSc, MA | Director of Strategy & Operations

The Reaction Hub Board of Directors includes:

- Kazim Agha, PhD- Ridout & Maybee (Board Chair)
- Brendan Mick- Investment Analyst, Empire Life
- Kerry Freek- Principal, KF Editorial Services
- Val Chiykowski, PhD- Associate, Evok Innovation
- Oliver Farin-Nia- Principal VU Venture Partners
- Maike Althaus- Executive Director, Canada Cleantech & OCTIA
- Malcolm Eade- CEO, Spectra Plasmonics
- Exofficio Board Member- Craig Desjardins, Director, Strategy, Innovation & Partnerships, City of Kingston

Financial Considerations

Funding from the City of Kingston for this project (\$3M) has been committed subject to securing matching funding, finalizing of the governance model to allow for Council input into the selection of the community advisory committee and representation on the board, negotiations of the terms of a lease (for a space to be finalized) that allows the City to repurpose the use of the space in the event of changing market conditions; and to execute agreements with private sector and

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public sector partners to establish Kingston Clean Tech Innovation & Commercialization Hub in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

Contacts:

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

Troy Beharry, Manager, Partnership & Grant Development Manager

Exhibits Attached:

None