



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

Nomination of Citizen Members to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for 2007-2010.

Date:	August 13, 2007
To:	Parks & Environment Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report contains personal information about identifiable individuals.
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report requests Council approve the recommendations of the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for its citizen members for the current term of City Council.

The confidential Attachment 1 provides the names of the individuals that the Task Force's Nominating Sub-Committee selected and recommended for appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division recommends:

1. that the 17 individuals listed in confidential Appendix 1 who were selected by the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Task Force to Bring Back the Don be appointed to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for a term of office ending on November 30, 2010, or until their successors are appointed;
2. that the names of the Appointees become public once Council appoints them.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Task Force to Bring Back the Don is a “citizen-driven” advisory body of City Council, consisting of three Councillors and up to twenty citizen members who are residents of the City of Toronto and who have a commitment to and interest in the Don River and its watershed. Task Force members are appointed for the term of Council, or until their successors are appointed. (Authority: Task Force Terms of Reference set out in Report No. 6 of the Works Committee, as adopted by Council of the City of Toronto July 22, 23 and 24, 2003.)

At its March 2007 meeting, Council approved the continuation of the Task Force as an Advisory Body, for another term of Council, under their present terms of reference.

At its December 13, 2006 meeting, the Task Force created an Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee that, in spring 2007, appointed a Nominating Sub-Committee to consider applicants and recommend candidates. The Nominating Sub-Committee consisted of four persons including a past Task Force Vice-Chair, a present member who was not reapplying, and two Toronto City Councillors, or their designates.

COMMENTS

Recruitment Notice

The Task Force conducted a search for citizen members that included posting a recruitment notice on the City of Toronto website under “Get Involved” as well as on the Task Force’s own web page. The notice also appeared in various special interest newsletters. Active Task Force volunteers were also encouraged to apply.

The Nomination Process

The Nominating Sub-Committee met on Tuesday July 10, 2007, reviewed all the applications and determined that seventeen were eligible for further consideration. They decided to recommend the re-appointment of nine current members who re-applied. This would ensure a measure of continuity for the Task Force’s ongoing projects. The Sub-Committee also accepted eight new eligible applicants, pending verification of their interest and commitment. Subsequently, staff contacted and confirmed this with the eight applicants. The Nominating Sub-Committee now recommends seventeen citizens for appointment to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for a term to expire on November 30, 2010, or until their successors are appointed.

Applicants were advised that with the exception of their names, which may be made public during the appointment process, all personal information submitted in the course of the recruitment/appointment process would be kept in confidence. A copy of the confidential applications is on file with the City Clerk (Parks and Environment Committee) for Members of Council to view if they wish.

City Clerk's office staff will send a letter advising of Toronto City Council's decision to everyone who applied to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1: Nomination of Citizen Members to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for 2007-2010.