
Parks and Environment Committee

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

Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

City Council Decision

City Council on September 26 and 27, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. 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 successors are appointed.
2. The names of the Appointees become public once Council appoints them.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the report (August 13, 2007) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, is now public and contains the names of the following persons appointed to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don:

Mr. Michael Abbott
Mr. Ron Ballantyne
Mr. Bryan Bertie
Mr. Cvitan Brkic
Ms. Julia Dow
Mr. Greg Fenton
Mr. Benjamin Hoff
Ms. Aynsley Morris
Ms. Norah Murphy
Ms. Karen Nasmith
Ms. Janice Palmer
Mr. John Routh
Mr. Dalton Shipway

Ms. Bronwen Smith
 Mr. John Wilson
 Mr. David O. Wright
 Mr. David Yudelman

(August 13, 2007) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends to City Council that:

1. 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 successors are appointed; and
2. The names of the Appointees become public once Council appoints them.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

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.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-6416.pdf>

PE8.2	NO AMENDMENT			Ward: All
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Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development – Relationship to the Toronto Environment Office

City Council Decision

City Council on September 26 and 27, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council request that the Toronto Environment Office report back to Parks and Environment Committee in July 2009 on the progress of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

2. The Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development be the focal point for meeting Council's request made at its July 2007 meeting that the Deputy City Manager develop a School Board/City Environmental Education Working Group to review current environmental curriculum and activities and explore opportunities for collaboration on environmental initiatives.

(August 20, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends to City Council that:

1. City Council request that the Toronto Environment Office report back to Parks and Environment Committee in July 2009 on the progress of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development; and
2. The Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development be the focal point for meeting Council's request made at its July 2007 meeting that the Deputy City Manager develop a School Board/City Environmental Education Working Group to review current environmental curriculum and activities and explore opportunities for collaboration on environmental initiatives.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee requested that Deputy City Manager Richard Butts:

1. Provide a Briefing Note in six months time outlining any progress and initiatives of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development; and
2. Provide a report in one year's time on the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development's progress.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report, beyond what is already approved in the current year's operating budget. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact statement.

Summary

At the request of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Toronto Environment Office has facilitated the establishment of the Toronto Regional Centre for Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (the "Toronto RCE"). The Toronto RCE is part of an international network of Regional Centres of Expertise affiliated with the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Studies, based in Yokohama, Japan. The Regional Centres of Expertise are one way that the United Nations is promoting the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).

The Toronto RCE is providing a forum for school boards, universities, colleges, government and non-governmental organizations to share information and experiences on education for sustainable development, and to promote partnerships in the delivery of programs. In June 2007, the Steering Committee further refined its objectives by deciding to focus its efforts on enhancing existing and proposing new education initiatives that support implementation of the City of Toronto's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

This report explains the relationship between the Toronto RCE and the mandate of the Toronto Environment Office, and recommends that the Toronto Environment Office report back to Parks and Environment Committee in July 2009 on the Toronto RCE's progress. It also recommends that the Toronto Environment Office investigate how the City can offset the environmental impacts of participation in national and international networks like the United Nations University network of Regional Centres of Expertise.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-6402.pdf>

Submitted Friday, September 14, 2007

Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair, Parks and Environment Committee