



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED  
with Confidential Attachment**

**Citizen appointments to the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board**

<b>Date:</b>	April 11, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Donald G. Eastwood, General Manager Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Reason for Confidential Information:</b>	This report asks Toronto and East York Community Council to consider a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster A\EDCT\TEYCC\teycc0705-004

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report requests the Toronto and East York Community Council's authority to appoint nine citizen members to the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board.

Terms of Board members are coincident with Council terms. In 2006, a recruitment process was initiated to appoint the nine citizen members of the board. Applications were made available through existing boards and committees, community centres and libraries, were advertised in the U of T Bulletin, on the City's website and on the websites of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto and Charity Village. The Multicultural History Society of Ontario was hired to recruit and submit the names of qualified candidates from the diverse communities across the city, and a public information session was held. Review panels were established for each board to consider applications, conduct interviews and make recommendations regarding the candidates best qualified to fill the vacancies.

Schedule A to Chapter 103, Heritage, Toronto Municipal Code, states that the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board be comprised of nine citizen members, one representative from the Toronto District School Board, one representative from the Toronto Catholic School Board and one to two 2 members of City Council.

In November 2005 Council adopted a motion requesting the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the establishment of a seat on the Todmorden Mills Community Museum Management Board for the East York Foundation.

In response to Council's request, Culture staff consulted with the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board. The Board, in turn, invited the East York Foundation to one of its regular meetings to discuss the issue. The Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board passed the following motion in response to Council's request.

*“That the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board is opposed to the creation of a permanent seat for the East York Foundation on the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board. This would set a precedent counter to the mandate of the Board to reflect the broad views of the community. The list of organizations that could claim such an appointed seat on the Board is lengthy and may include Don Valley Art Club, East Side Players, The Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve Volunteer Committee, Evergreen, the East York Historical Society and others. The Board looks forward to working collaboratively with all of these groups and others to further the goals and objectives of Todmorden Mills on a project by project basis.”*

Members of the East York Foundation were encouraged to apply to sit on the board through the City's regular board appointment process. Through the current recruitment process one member of the East York Foundation is being recommended to sit on the board.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **The General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommends:**

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorizes the public release of the confidential information and recommendations in Attachment 1, upon adoption of this report.

2. The Toronto and East York Community Council nominate the selected individuals listed in Attachment No. 1 to the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board for a term expiring on or before November 30, 2010, or until a successor is appointed; and
3. The Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board continue to work with the East York Foundation on a project-by-project basis but that a permanent seat not be established on the Board at this time.
4. The appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, Council established By-law No. 793-1999, which created nine Community Museum Boards (CMMB's). Each Community Council is to nominate the membership of the CMMB's in its jurisdiction with the exception of the Fort York Board; the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board and the Historic Houses Board where membership is to be nominated by the Economic Development Committee.

### **COMMENTS**

All citizens seeking appointment or reappointment to the Community Museum Boards are required to make an application, participate in an interview and selection process designed to determine the most qualified candidates and be appointed by Council or Community Council.

The review panel met on February 26th, February 27th and April 5th, 2007 to interview 10 applicants. The review panel has recommended the appointment of the nine citizens listed on Attachment No. 1 as individuals who will bring energy, knowledge and skill to the work of the Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre Community Museum Management Board.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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