## Appointment of Citizens to the Board of Directors of Waterfront Toronto

Date:	September 17, 2009
To:	City Council
From:	Mayor Miller, Chair, Nominating Panel

## CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 1. The following three persons be appointed at the pleasure of Council to the Board of Directors of Waterfront Toronto for a term of three years starting October 1, 2009 and ending October 1, 2012 or until their successors are appointed:
  - (i) Mr. Mark Wilson (incumbent);
  - (ii) Ms. Janet Graham (incumbent); and
  - (iii) Mr. Matti Siemiatycki;
- 2. Council endorse the selection of Mr. Mark Wilson as Chair of the Waterfront Toronto Board of Directors to serve for the duration of his term or until such time as a new Chair is named by the three governments;
- 3. The Mayor, on behalf of Council, express the City's appreciation to Mr. Wilson for his commitment to waterfront revitalization as Chair of Waterfront Toronto; and
- 4. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

As a result of the open and public process used to recruit potential City appointees to the Waterfront Toronto (WT) Board of Directors, 96 applications were received, including two applications from incumbent members of the board.

The Nominating Panel conducted two rounds of interviews using a standard set of questions, and evaluation criteria that included: a demonstrated understanding of public accountability and human resource management; experience in engaging private partners in complex City building initiatives; experience in urban planning, brownfield

development and development financing; and an understanding of the priorities of the City of Toronto in waterfront renewal.

Eleven candidates had initial interviews, and four of these candidates were selected for a second interview. The two incumbent applicants were exempt from the interview process because they had been interviewed in 2006 prior to being appointed to the board. The panel recognized the significant skills which these individuals bring to WT through their ongoing service as Board members.

Based on the previous experience, knowledge and performance of incumbents, and the comprehensive interview process for new directors, the panel recommends to Council the appointment of the following three individuals as the City's citizen appointees to the WT Board of Directors:

- (i) Mr. Mark Wilson (incumbent);
- (ii) Ms. Janet Graham (incumbent); and
- (iii) Mr. Matti Siemiatycki.

Background on each appointee can be found in Confidential Attachment 2.

Clause 5(6) of the *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act*, 2002 notes that in the "case of the absence or illness of the chair or there being a vacancy in the office of chair, the member designated by the board for the purpose shall act as and have all the powers of the chair". In October 2006, the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Mark Wilson, a City appointee to the Board, as chair until such time as a new chair is named by the three governments. Mr. Wilson continues to serve in this capacity with support from the three government partners. This report seeks Council's endorsement of Mr. Wilson continuing to serve in this capacity.