

Appointment to Fill the Vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

Date:	June 30, 2014
To:	City Council
From:	City Clerk
Wards:	Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

SUMMARY

City Council is required to fill the vacancy in Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina, by appointment. Twenty-nine qualified persons are seeking appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint a person from among the following persons who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Councillor and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity Spadina:
 1. Leanne Abdulla
 2. Rami Abu-Hantash
 3. Daniel Akinbosede
 4. Christian Chan
 5. John Clement
 6. Priyan De Silva
 7. Jonathan Gibbons
 8. Eric Goldfarb
 9. Sam Goldstein
 10. Troy Guyatt
 11. Lesley Hargreaves
 12. Reginald Hartt
 13. Adrian Heaps

14. Urgan Kuyee
15. Derek Li
16. Robert Lunney
17. Kenneth Marks
18. Steven McCahon
19. Masihullah Mohebzada
20. Max Moore
21. Amane Ota
22. Alicia Pang
23. Ariel Pasternak
24. Ceta Ramkhalawansingh
25. Jean-Jacques Rousseau
26. Eva Saphir
27. Nimesh Sondarva
28. Susan Tsai
29. Eugene Tse

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council on June 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014 declared vacant the office of Councillor for Ward 20 following the resignation of Adam Vaughan and authorized the City Clerk to seek applications from persons interested in appointment to fill the vacancy. By law, City Council must fill the vacancy by appointment within 60 days of declaring it vacant.

COMMENTS

29 applications received for Ward 20

As authorized by City Council, the City Clerk sought applications from interested and qualified persons for appointment to the vacant office. This was done in conjunction with recruitment for the office of Councillor for Ward 5, Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Advertisements were placed in the Toronto Sun and the Etobicoke Guardian. Information was widely disseminated using social media, the City's website and traditional media.

Information sessions were conducted on June 23 and 24 at Toronto City Hall and Etobicoke Civic Centre, respectively.

The City Clerk provided interested persons with a Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification after providing personal identification showing their name and qualifying address within the City of Toronto. The deadline for filing the required forms was by 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2014. By the deadline, the Clerk had 29 applications for Ward 20 and 20 for Ward 5. Six people applied for appointment in both wards.

The City Clerk has reviewed the documents and is satisfied that the nominees are qualified to hold office.

Candidates were also given the opportunity to submit any documentation that they wish to share with Council members to support their candidacy for appointment.

Procedures to appoint

City Council has approved a procedure to consider the appointment as follows:

1. Each applicant shall be provided the opportunity to address City Council for up to 5 minutes;
2. The order in which applicants address City Council shall be determined by lot drawn by the City Clerk when City Council begins its debate on the item;
3. Members of City Council shall be entitled to ask one question of each candidate;
4. City Council shall vote on the appointment by ballot in accordance with the Council Procedures (see Attachment 2); and
5. City Council shall enact a by-law confirming the appointment of the successful candidate to the office for the remainder of the term of the present Council.

Next steps

The appointee will take over once (1) City Council has enacted a by-law and (2) the City Clerk administers the Declaration of Office. The new Councillor will hold office until the end of the term on November 30, 2014.

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SIGNATURE

City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - List of Candidates and the Wards of Their Qualifying Address

Attachment 2 - Balloting Rules contained in Appendix A-II to Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, as applicable

Attachment 1

List of Candidates for Ward 20 and the Wards of Their Qualifying Address

Candidate	Ward in Which Their Qualifying Address is Located
Leanne Abdulla	27
Rami Abu-Hantash	6
Daniel Akinbosede	27
Christian Chan	20
John Clement	27
Priyan De Silva	10
Jonathan Gibbons	20
Eric Goldfarb	16
Sam Goldstein	20
Troy Guyatt	28
Lesley Hargreaves	26
Reginald Hartt	20
Adrian Heaps	36
Urgen Kuyee	11
Derek Li	33
Robert Lunney	20
Kenneth Marks	34
Steven McCahon	27
Masihullah Mohebzada	36
Max Moore	20
Amane Ota	34
Alicia Pang	14
Ariel Pasternak	10
Ceta Ramkhalawansingh	20
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	34
Eva Saphir	20
Nimesh Sondarva	38
Susan Tsai	20
Eugene Tse	42

Attachment 2

Balloting Rules contained in Appendix A-II to Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, as applicable

[Note: Parts A to F do not apply]

G. Members vote for one nominee and sign ballot.

Using the ballot, a member votes for only one nominee, signs the ballot and prints his or her name on the ballot.

H. Balloting results public.

All ballot results are public.

I. Announcing ballot results and members' votes.

The Chair announces the results of the ballot, and if requested, announces the individual ballot results and the name of the member casting the ballot.

J. When most votes do not make a majority.

If the nominee with the most votes does not receive the votes of a majority of the members present, Council conducts another ballot in accordance with Subsections G, H, I and K.

K. Steps to exclude nominees with few or no votes or tie votes.

The next ballot excludes the nominees with the fewest votes and any nominee with no votes. If two or more nominees are tied with the fewest votes, the Chair selects the nominee or nominees who advance to the next ballot by the following method:

A. The names of the tied nominees are placed on sheets of paper of equal size, and the paper are folded in half and placed in a box; and

B. The Chair pulls one or more pages with the name or names of the nominee or nominees who advance to the next ballot from the box.

L. Votes to find a candidate with the most votes and then a majority vote.

Balloting continues in accordance with Subsections G., H, I and K until one nominee receives both the most votes and a majority of votes.

M. Steps for when remaining nominees are tied.

If after the steps set out in Subsection L only two nominees remain and the votes for the two remaining nominees are tied, the Chair selects the winner by the following method:

A. The names of each of the two remaining nominees are placed on two sheets of paper of equal size, and the papers are folded in half and placed in a box; and

B. The Chair pulls the name of one nominee from the box, and that nominee is declared the winner.