

Appointment of Members to the Toronto Zoo Board

Date: June 5, 2015
To: Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Zoo Board
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

SUMMARY

The Interview Subcommittee for the Toronto Zoo Board will conduct interviews on June 15, 2015 and recommend eight candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Interview Subcommittee for the Toronto Zoo Board recommend eight candidates for appointment to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office as follows:
 - a. four candidates for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until a successor is appointed;
 - b. three candidates for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until a successor is appointed; and
 - c. one candidate, who will serve as Chair, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until a successor is appointed.

2. The Interview Subcommittee for the Toronto Zoo Board recommend that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On January 16, 2015, the Civic Appointments Committee established a subcommittee to conduct interviews for the Toronto Zoo Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CA1.2>

On May 29, 2015, the Civic Appointments Committee identified 17 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CA8.1>

COMMENTS

The Toronto Zoo Board consists of 12 members

The Toronto Zoo Board has 12 members, including the Mayor or designate, three Members of Council and eight public members.

City Council appoints a the Chair of the Zoo Board

City Council appoints the board's chair, and the board elects a vice chair from amongst its members.

Board members' terms should be staggered

At its August 2014 meeting, City Council approved changes to the Public Appointments Policy to permit the staggering of terms of office for all boards not otherwise prescribed by law so that the terms of half the members expire every two years. Staggering terms will help even the workflow of the Civic Appointments Committee and other nominating panels, and will provide organizational continuity and memory on boards.

As a transitional measure during this round of appointments, half of the public members for the Toronto Zoo Board will be appointed for two years and the other half will be appointed for four years. The members appointed for an initial two-year term will not have that initial two-year term count toward the term limit under the Public Appointments Policy, and may apply to serve again following their two-year appointment.

We have consulted with Toronto Zoo staff

Public Appointments staff consulted with Toronto Zoo staff in the fall of 2014 and May 2015 to discuss Zoo Board requirements and issues.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will not be publicly reported until the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board (previously distributed with item CA8.1)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with item CA8.1)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview Schedule (June 15, 2015) for the Toronto Zoo Board