



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Appointment of Aboriginal Agencies to the Aboriginal Affairs Committee of Toronto

Date:	June 22, 2015
To:	Civic Appointments Committee
From:	Acting City Manager
Wards:	All
Reference #	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to have the Civic Appointments Committee recommend to Council the appointment of representatives from Aboriginal agencies to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee of Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following representatives of Aboriginal agencies as members of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee of Toronto, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018:
 - Executive Director, or designate, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
 - Executive Director, or designate, Miziwe Biik, Aboriginal Employment and Training
 - Executive Director, or designate, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
 - Co-ordinating Principle, or designate, Aboriginal Education Centre, Toronto District School Board
 - Director, or designate, First Nations House, University of Toronto
 - President, or designate, Toronto and York Region Métis Council
 - Executive Director, or designate, Nishnawbe Homes Inc.
 - Executive Director, or designate, Native Men's Residence

- President, or designate, Metis Nation of Ontario
- Director, or designate, Aboriginal Initiatives, Ryerson University
- Counsellor, or designate George Brown College
- Executive Director, or designate Native Women's Resource Centre
- Executive Director, or designate Toronto Council Fire
- Executive Director, or designate Anduhyuan

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting of February 10 and 11, 2015 re-established the Aboriginal Affairs Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX2.1>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee has existed within the City of Toronto since 2000. The City of Toronto has long recognized the need to hear the voice of the Aboriginal peoples of Toronto and this committee is one way to achieve their input.

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee is a Council Advisory Body. The Mandate of the Aboriginal Affairs Committee, without limiting the range of issues, is to: provide advice to City Council on the elimination of barriers faced by Aboriginal peoples including barriers related to City by-laws, policies, programs and service delivery; act as a liaison with external bodies on barriers to the participation of Aboriginal peoples in public life and advance the social, cultural, economic and spiritual well being of Aboriginal peoples.

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee will assist with the development of the commitments outlined in the Statement of Commitment to the Aboriginal Communities of Toronto that Council adopted in 2010. In ensuring the commitments are fulfilled the Committee has contributed to the development of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Aboriginal Representation on Agencies and Corporations and will contribute to the work on the Aboriginal Education Strategy for the Toronto Public Service.

The agencies listed represent a number of Aboriginal services and will bring many years of experience in areas such as housing, employment and training, shelter, education, youth and health. The representatives from these agencies will lend their insight and expertise to the development of programs and speak to issues that impact the Aboriginal communities.

Committee Composition

The Aboriginal Affairs Committee will be composed of representatives from the Aboriginal agencies listed, and a minimum of one member of City Council. The members are representatives of Aboriginal organizations in the City of Toronto and are appointed until the end of the current council term.

Appointments to Advisory Bodies

The process for recruiting, reviewing and recommending candidates falls to the program staff responsible for the advisory bodies. Equity, Diversity and Human Rights staff have considered the list of agencies and based on previous membership to this committee recommends these agencies to the Civic appointments committee for recommendation to City Council.

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