

## **Appointment of Members to the Sign Variance Committee**

**Date:** May 21, 2015  
**To:** Tribunals Nominating Panel  
**From:** City Clerk  
**Wards:** All

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

### **SUMMARY**

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The Tribunals Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend five candidates to City Council for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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#### **The City Clerk recommends that:**

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel recommend five candidates to City Council for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office as follows:

- a. two candidates for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed;
- b. two candidates for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are 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. City Council replace Sections 694-35A and B of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 694, Signs, General, with the following:

"The members of the Sign Variance Committee shall be appointed for a term

specified by Council, and serve at pleasure of Council until their successors are appointed."

3. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1, 2, and 3 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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The timing of this recruitment process is in line with the direction given by the Tribunals Nominating Panel at its April 28, 2015 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NQ1.2>.

On April 28, 2015, the Tribunals Nominating Panel identified 15 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NQ1.3>.

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Composition of the Sign Variance Committee**

There are five members of the public on the Sign Variance Committee.

### **City Council appoints the Committee's Chair**

Section 694-33C of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 694, Signs, General, states that City Council appoints the Chair of the Sign Variance Committee.

### **Committee members' terms will be staggered**

City Council has approved the staggering of board and committee terms where not otherwise prescribed by law so that half of each board or committee retires every two years. As a transitional measure during this round of appointments, two of the public members for the Sign Variance Committee will be appointed for two years and the other three public members, including the Chair, will be appointed for four years. The members appointed for an initial two-year term will not have that term count toward the term limit under the Public Appointments Policy, and may apply to serve again following their two-year appointment.

Sections 694-35A and B of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 694, Signs, General, must be amended to allow for the staggering of terms.

## **Public release of names of recommended candidates**

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Tribunals Nominating Panel forwards its recommendations to City Council.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Sign Variance Committee (previously distributed with item NQ1.3)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Item NQ1.3)

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Tribunals Nominating Panel meeting on May 28, 2015