

Appointment of Member to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board to Fill a Vacancy

Date: February 26, 2016
To: Environmental Nominating Panel
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 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board.

SUMMARY

There is one vacancy on the TRCA Board due to a recent resignation. The Environmental Nominating Panel needs to recommend a public member to fill this vacancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Environmental Nominating Panel recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 8, 2018, and until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct 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 and Region Conservation Authority Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On June 25, 2015, the Environmental Nominating Panel recommended five candidates for appointment to the TRCA Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NE5.1>.

On July 7, 8, and 9, 2015, City Council appointed five members to the TRCA Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC8.14>.

COMMENTS

The TRCA Board is an external advisory body that consists of 28 members

The TRCA delivers programs to further the conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources within its watersheds. The TRCA Board sets strategic policy and oversees the business and affairs of the TRCA.

The TRCA Board has 28 members, including 14 representatives from the City of Toronto, of which nine are Members of Council and five are public members.

The other 14 members include representatives from the Regional Municipalities of Peel, Durham, and York, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Town of Mono.

The term length is three years for public members

Under the Conservation Authorities Act, members may not be appointed to hold office for more than three years at any one time. Accordingly, public members will be appointed for a three-year term of office, and will serve until successors are appointed.

Board members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the requirements outlined in the City's Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications, including:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction
- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process
- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the TRCA's programs, goals, and objectives

In addition, applicants should have flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the TRCA's work.

Applicants were asked to relate their experiences and skills to these qualifications.

TRCA Board members receive remuneration

TRCA Board members receive a per diem of \$86.62 plus mileage for each meeting attended.

The previous public member resigned from the Board

Rodney Hoinkes was appointed to the Board in July 2015 for a three-year term. He resigned from the Board effective November 18, 2015, resulting in a vacancy.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the TRCA Board (previously distributed with Item NE4.1)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Item NE4.1)

Attachment 1 – Resignation letter dated November 18, 2015 from Rodney Hoinkes