

Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers - Appointment of a Public Member

Date: November 7, 2017

To: Tribunals 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 Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

SUMMARY

The Tribunals Nominating Panel will conduct interviews during its meeting on November 15, 2017 and recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and East York Panel of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and East York Panel of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until a successor is appointed.
2. The Tribunals Nominating Panel direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held November 3, 2017, the Tribunals Nominating Panel identified 5 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Toronto and East York Panel of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.NQ17.1>

At its meeting held March 28 - 29, 2017, City Council appointed eight candidates to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on March 30, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CC27.10>.

At its meeting on July 12-15, 2016, City Council appointed one public member to the Toronto and East York Panel of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CC20.10>.

At its meeting held July 7-9, 2015, City Council appointed eight public members to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed, and eight public members for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC8.16>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers

There are 16 public members on the Committee who are appointed to four panels corresponding to the Community Council districts:

- Etobicoke York Panel - 4 public members
- North York Panel - 4 public members
- Scarborough Panel - 4 public members
- Toronto and East York Panel - 4 public members

Committee members must meet certain qualifications and be eligible

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the Committee:

- A clear understanding of the role of the Committee;
- A concern for the health and safety of City residents;

- Ability to read and understand building plans, surveys, and reports;
- An understanding of the Building Code Act; Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards; and building practices and tribunal processes;
- An understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods and communities across the City; and
- If possible, have previous experience as a member of a decision-making body.

Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of Council (2010-2014) are ineligible for appointment as public members. In addition, public members cannot act as agents for any appellants appearing before the Committee.

Committee members receive remuneration

The City-wide Chair receives an annual retainer of \$500, plus a \$125 per diem for each hearing day attended. The 15 other public members receive a \$125 per diem for each hearing day attended. Members who serve as Fence Viewers are paid \$30 per hour.

There is currently one position under consideration

The Tribunals Nominating Panel must recommend one public member to fill a current vacancy on the Toronto and East York Panel, due to the resignation of Nicholas Francis in June 2017.

The new appointee will complete the term of office previously held by Nicholas Francis, ending November 30, 2018 and continuing to serve until a successor is appointed.

Public release of name of recommended candidate

The name of the recommended candidate will be publicly reported once the Tribunals Nominating Panel forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary and Applications for Appointment to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers (previously distributed with Item NQ17.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers (previously distributed with Item NQ17.1)
Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers on November 15, 2017 (to be circulated under separate cover)
Confidential Attachment 4 – Interview Questions for the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers on November 15, 2017 (to be circulated under separate cover)