

Sign Variance Committee - Appointment of Public Members

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 Sign Variance Committee.

SUMMARY

The Tribunals Nominating Panel will conduct interviews during its meeting on November 15, 2017 and recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee for a term of office ending on December 8, 2021, and until successors are 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 Sign Variance Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

During its meeting on November 3, 2017, the Tribunals Nominating Panel identified eight candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.NQ17.2>.

At its meeting held September 30, October 1, and October 2, 2015, City Council appointed one public member to the Sign Variance Committee to fill a vacancy: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC9.2>.

At its meeting held June 10, 11, and 12, 2015, City Council appointed five public members, including a Chair, to the Sign Variance Committee: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC7.9>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Sign Variance Committee

There are five public members on the Sign Variance Committee.

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:

- Bring an understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods and communities across the City;
- Demonstrate a strong interest in the complexities and challenges of city building;
- Demonstrate decision-making, communication, and mediation skills to facilitate an open and fair meeting process;
- Have knowledge in one or more areas of: law, planning, architecture, government, economic development, community development, land development, or citizen advocacy; and/or
- At least three public members should have adjudication experience and two public members should have public speaking and organization skills to be able to chair public meetings and maintain order in conflict situations.

Public members are ineligible for appointment to the Committee if they are an owner, employee, or agent of an advertising, communications, or media relations agency or a business which owns, controls, or has shares in a media outlet.

Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of City 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

Public members of the Committee receive \$250 per hearing attended.

There are currently two positions under consideration

The Tribunals Nominating Panel must fill two positions which are currently held by public members with the term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed.

The new appointees will serve a term of office ending December 8, 2021, continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

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.

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SIGNATURE

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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 Sign Variance Committee (previously distributed with Item NQ17.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Sign Variance Committee (previously distributed with Item NQ17.2)

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Sign Variance Committee on November 15, 2017 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 4 – Interview Questions for the Sign Variance Committee on November 15, 2017 (to be circulated under separate cover)