

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Local Appeal Body

Date: October 19, 2017

To: Local Appeal Body 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 Local Appeal Body.

SUMMARY

The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel recommend one candidate for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 13, 2020, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 13 - 15, 2016, City Council appointed 7 members of the public to the Toronto Local Appeal Body for a term of office ending December 13, 2020 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CC23.1>.

At its meeting held September 27, 2017, the Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel selected five candidates for interview at its October 30, 2017 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.XV6.1>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Local Appeal Body

The Toronto Local Appeal Body consists of seven public members, including one as Chair.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- Experience in adjudication and mediation;
- Knowledge and experience with land use planning and planning law;
- Excellent listening skills and ability to analyze complex evidence;
- Sound judgement, tact, fairness and decorum;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely;
- Demonstrated high ethical standards and integrity;
- Ability to work under pressure to ensure timely hearing decisions; and
- Respect for access to justice, diversity and accommodation.

Members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members of the Toronto Local Appeal body must meet these criteria:

- Cannot be a member of Toronto's Committee of Adjustment, a land division committee, or planning advisory committee member;
- Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment; and
- Members cannot act as agents for applicants before the Committee of Adjustment, Toronto Local Appeal Body and other City administrative tribunals and would be required to resign from the TLAB before doing so.

Members receive remuneration

Members of the Toronto Local Appeal Body receive:

- \$500 per diem for full day hearing or mediation
- \$250 for a ½ day hearing or mediation
- \$200 for a written decision
- \$200 for attendance at a business meeting

In addition to receiving the remuneration for a member, the Chair shall receive \$60,000 annually.

Public members serve four year terms and until successors are appointed

The successful candidate will be appointed for a term of office until December 13, 2020, continuing to serve until a successor is appointed. This appointment will complete the term of office held by the previous member who resigned in July 2017.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Applications, Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Item XV6.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 - Interview questions for October 30, 2017
Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for October 30, 2017