



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: June 24, 2019
To: Civic Appointments Committee
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 Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

At its meeting on December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council amended the Public Appointments process by authorizing the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board by City Council.

This report recommends the appointment of three public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) Board for a four-year term of office, at pleasure of Council ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend that City Council appoint the three candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, including one as Chair, at pleasure of Council, for a term office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

2. City Council direct that the balance of Confidential Attachment 1 to the report (June 24, 2019) from the City Clerk remain confidential as it relates to personal information about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 18 and 19, 2019, City Council amended the composition of the TAF Board to add one public member, and to allow one of its public members to be a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX6.8>.

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend public appointments to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board to City Council through the Civic Appointments Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>.

At its meeting held June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2018, City Council appointed one member of the public to the TAF Board for a term of office ending on May 24, 2021, and until a successor is appointed, and one member of the public for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018 and for a subsequent four year term ending November 14, 2022, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CC43.4>.

COMMENTS

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend two candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment to the TAF Board.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in investment, grants, green energy, environmental affairs, and public policy. The current vacancies were included as part of the public appointments outreach campaign in the fall of 2018 and winter of 2019. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Staff also invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation on the TAF Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with TAF.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted eleven candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Environment and Energy staff were also asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise in environmental policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Council & Committee Administrator, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Manager, Policy and Research, Environment and Energy

The panel determined the final three candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance using a scoring system.

Environment and Energy and City Clerk's staff are recommending three candidates for appointment to TAF, including one as Chair

Environment and Energy and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending three highly qualified candidates for appointment to the TAF Board, including one as Chair (see Confidential Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the TAF Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Composition of the TAF Board

At its meeting held June 18 and 19, 2019, City Council amended the composition of the TAF Board. The Board now consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or designate
- 2 Members of Council
- 8 public members, one of whom may be a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area

The recruitment and appointment of the new public member from the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area will be undertaken in the fall of 2019.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively have the following experience or knowledge:

- understanding of strategic energy efficiency and green energy market opportunities
- experience and knowledge of environmental affairs from an academic or non-governmental perspective, especially in the areas of air quality and climate change
- experience managing public charities, public or private foundations, community trusts, or other government grant programs
- marketing expertise, such as knowledge of demographic trends that affect consumer choice, in order to advise in community program design and delivery
- financial management and investment expertise, including experience in portfolio management and strategic investing

- legal expertise, in order to advise on legal problems and issues related to TAF's activities when they arise

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the TAF Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Biographies and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board