



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of Public Members to the Yonge-Dundas Square 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 Yonge-Dundas Square 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board by City Council.

This report recommends the appointment of three public members and five stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square 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:
 - a) the three candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, including one as Chair, at pleasure of Council, for a term office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed; and

b) the five stakeholder representatives listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board to City Council through the Civic Appointments Committee:

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

At its meeting held July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017, City Council appointed two candidates to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 6, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CC31.20>.

At its meeting held June 10, 11, and 12, 2015, City Council appointed two candidates to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed, and three candidates to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC7.11>.

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 candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in economic and community development, finance and administration, board governance 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 Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with staff from Yonge-Dundas Square.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted ten candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed nine of the shortlisted candidates (one candidate withdrew from the process). Economic Development and Culture staff were also asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise and familiarity with Yonge-Dundas Square's policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Council & Committee Administrator, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Manager, Business Improvement Areas, Economic Development and Culture

The panel determined the final three candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance using a scoring system. Stakeholder representatives are nominated by their respective organizations and are not interviewed.

Staff are recommending eight candidates for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, including one as Chair

Economic Development and Culture and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending three highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, including one as Chair. They are also recommending five highly qualified candidates for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board as stakeholder representatives from the following organizations:

- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA
- 1 member nominated by Ryerson University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association
- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall

These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences. See Confidential Attachment 1 for the list of the candidates.

Composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

The board consists of 15 members composed of:

- the Council member for Ward 13, Toronto Centre
- 5 public members
- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA nominated by the BIA
- 1 member nominated by Ryerson University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association

- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 1 employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 1 employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 2 City of Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights)

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public and stakeholder group members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills
- ability to work with people with diverse interests
- sound finance and administrative skills
- knowledge of economic and community development
- interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Yonge-Dundas Square 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board