



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: November 29, 2019
To: Civic Appointments Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual who is being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

At its meeting held June 18 and 19, 2019, City Council amended the composition of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board to add one additional 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. The Civic Appointments Committee will recommend one public member to City Council for appointment to fill this position.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend that City Council appoint the candidate listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term office ending December 17, 2023, and until a successor is appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 16, 17, and 18, 2019, City Council appointed three candidates 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:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA8.3>.

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>.

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 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 vacancy was included as part of the public appointments outreach campaign in the fall of 2019. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations across the GTHA and through social media. Staff also invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying. Consideration was given to reflecting gender and diversity on the TAF Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with TAF.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted seven candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Environment and Energy staff were 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
- Project Manager, Research & Policy, Environment and Energy

The panel determined the final candidate by weighing their application and interview performance using a scoring system.

Composition of the TAF Board

At its meeting held June 18 and 19, 2019, City Council amended the composition of the TAF Board to 11 members as follows:

- 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

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

Environment and Energy and City Clerk's staff are recommending one candidate for appointment

Environment and Energy and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending one highly qualified candidate for appointment to the TAF Board (see Confidential Attachment 1). This candidate meets many of the City Council-approved qualifications for the TAF Board with relevant knowledge and experience and is a non-Toronto resident from the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the TAF Board is four years. The member who is appointed will serve a term of office ending December 17, 2023, and until a successor is appointed.

Public release of the name of the recommended candidates

The name of the recommended candidate will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidate and Biography for the
Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board