



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Date: November 28, 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 and Region Conservation Authority.

SUMMARY

A public member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board has recently resigned. The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend one public member to City Council for appointment to the TRCA to fill the vacancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one candidate for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 4 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held October 15, 2019, the Civic Appointments Committee selected five candidates for interview for appointment to the TRCA Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA10.2>.

At its meeting held July 16-18, 2019, City Council adopted item CA8.8, Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and appointed seven members of the public to the TRCA Board for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA8.8>

At its meeting held April 16 and 19, 2019, City Council adopted as amended item CC6.1, Composition of Council's appointments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and directed that the majority of the candidates recommended by the Civic Appointments Committee be women:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC6.1>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the TRCA

The TRCA consists of 28 members and is composed of:

- 14 representatives from the City of Toronto appointed by City Council of which 7 are Members of Council and 7 are public members
- 14 members representing the Regional Municipalities of Peel, Durham, and York, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Town of Mono

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the TRCA must demonstrate:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction
- flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the Authority's work

- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process
- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the Authority's programs, goals, and objectives

The majority of public appointees to the TRCA should be women

In April 2019, City Council amended the composition of the TRCA and directed that the majority of the candidates recommended for public appointment by the Civic Appointments Committee be women.

The term of office for the appointee will be concurrent with other members

The term of office for public appointees to the TRCA is governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Previously, the Act set the term of office as three years but under amendments made in 2017, a member shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, as may be determined by the council that appoints the member.

The new appointee will complete the term previously held by the member who resigned, ending July 16, 2023 and until a successor is appointed.

Public appointments staff have consulted with the TRCA

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the TRCA in June 2019 to discuss the TRCA's strategic direction, changes to the board, emerging challenges and opportunities, and how they relate to the work of the board.

In addition to the Council-approved board qualifications, TRCA staff suggested that ideal candidates would have:

- previous board governance experience to uphold the fiduciary duties of the board
- knowledge of or interest in environmental matters within TRCA's mandate
- experience working with diverse groups of stakeholders including private sector and public sector agencies
- a working knowledge of the municipal and provincial approvals process and relevant legislation including the Conservation Authorities Act, Planning Act, Environmental Assessment Act, Source Water Protection Act, and Municipal Act
- Strong communication skills and comfort with public engagement

Public release of the name of the recommended candidate

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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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of candidates, qualifications, confidential diversity information summary, and applications for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (previously distributed with Item CA10.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Voluntary Diversity Information for Current Appointees to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (previously distributed with Item CA10.2)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for December 10, 2019

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview questions for December 10, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)