

Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee

NS2.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Appointment of Public Members to the Sign Variance Committee

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee

Panel Decision

The Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following candidates, including a Chair, to the Sign Variance Committee, for a term of office ending on June 20, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

Raj Bharati, as Chair
Beate Bowron
Brian Huskins

2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1, 2, and 3 to the report (May 31, 2019) from the City Clerk remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Candidates' biographies:

Raj Bharati

Raj Bharati is a lawyer and former environmental engineer with a strong interest in urban issues and architecture. He has legal expertise in intellectual property, environmental issues, municipalities, and regulatory authorities. Raj is particularly interested in community building and has served on various boards, including the Toronto Cyclists Union (now Cycle Toronto), where he was a founding board member, and the Landlord's Self-Help Centre.

Beate Bowron

Beate Bowron is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners with over 30 years of experience in municipal governance, urban planning, community economic development, public participation, climate change adaptation planning and conflict resolution and consensus building. Her experience is both Canadian and international. Ms. Bowron is a seasoned facilitator and trained mediator, whose practice emphasizes consensus building in order to avoid costly litigation and tribunal processes.

Brian Huskins

Brian Huskins has an Associate's Degree in Communications and is currently studying for his Project Management Certification at the University of Toronto. He is a successful entrepreneur who focuses on communications, stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and project management. Brian has served on many boards and committees, including as chair of the board of directors for the Canadian AIDS Society. He has received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to the community.

Origin

(May 31, 2019) Report from the City Clerk

Summary

The Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee will conduct interviews and recommend three candidates, including a Chair, to City Council for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

Background Information

(May 31, 2019) Report from the City Clerk on Appointment of Public Members to the Sign Variance Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ns/bgrd/backgroundfile-133759.pdf>)

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to Sign Variance Committee (previously distributed with item NS1.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Interview questions for June 10, 2019 (circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for June 10, 2019 (circulated under separate cover)