



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of Public Members to the Sign Variance Committee

Date: May 31, 2019

To: Nominating Panel - Sign Variance 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 Sign Variance Committee.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee recommend that City Council appoint three public members, including a Chair, to the Sign Variance Committee for a term of office ending June 20, 2023, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 - 3 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Sign Variance Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 27, 2019, the Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee selected eleven candidates to interview at its meeting on June 10, 2019:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NS1.2>

At its meeting on February 26, 2019, City Council appointed seven individuals to the Tribunals Nominating Panel:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC3.5>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Sign Variance Committee

There are five public members on the Sign Variance Committee.

There are currently three positions under consideration

The three available positions are due to the terms of the current members coming to an end on November 30, 2018. They serve until their successors are appointed.

The two remaining members are appointed until December 8, 2021, serving until successors are appointed.

City Council appoints the Committee's Chair

Municipal Code Chapter 694, Signs, General, Section 694-33C states that City Council appoints one member to serve as Chair of the Sign Variance Committee.

The Chair position is vacant as a result of Tracey Hamilton's term coming to an end in May 2019.

Term of office

The term of office is four years. The new appointees will serve a term of office ending June 20, 2023, continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

Committee members must meet certain qualifications and be eligible

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- demonstrate a strong interest in the complexities and challenges of city building
- bring an understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods and communities across the city

- have knowledge in one or more areas of: law, planning, architecture, government, economic development, community development, land development, or citizen advocacy
- demonstrate decision-making, communication, and mediation skills to facilitate an open and fair meeting process
- at least 3 members should have adjudication experience and 2 members should have public speaking and organization skills to be able to chair public meetings and maintain order in conflict situations

Public members are ineligible for appointment to the committee if they are an owner, employee, or agent of an advertising, communications, or media relations agency or a business which owns, controls, or has shares in a media outlet.

Former Council members who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment as public members.

Committee members receive remuneration

The chair receives an annual stipend of \$2,500, plus full-day per diem of \$460 and half-day remuneration (3.5 hours or less) of \$275 for hearings, business meetings or training sessions. Public members receive an annual stipend of \$1,500, plus full-day per diem of \$460 and half-day remuneration (3.5 hours or less) of \$275 for hearings, business meetings or training sessions.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The name of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Nominating Panel – Sign Variance Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

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)