



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: November 25, 2020
To: Civic Appointments Committee
From: Interim 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 Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of two public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) Board for a three 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 the two candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund 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 information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 17, 2019, City Council appointed one candidate, a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending December 17, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA11.1>

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 of 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>.

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. 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 TAF Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with TAF.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted 9 candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Environment and Energy staff were also 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
- Manager, Policy and Research, and Environment and Energy

The panel determined the final two candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance using a scoring system.

Staff are recommending two candidates for appointment to TAF

Environment and Energy and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending two highly qualified candidates for appointment to the TAF Board. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the TAF Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Composition of the TAF Board

The TAF Board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- 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

There are currently two vacancies

There are currently two vacancies on the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board:

- One position was held by Laurel Atkinson who resigned effective June 1, 2020
- One position was held by Deepak Ramachandran who resigned effective November 8, 2020.

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

Term of office

The new public members will complete the terms of office held previously by Laurel Atkinson and Deepak Ramachandran, 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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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Biographies and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board