



## REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

### Appointment of a Member to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

**Date:** December 1, 2020  
**To:** Civic Appointments Committee  
**From:** City Manager's Office  
**Wards:** All

#### REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends the appointment of one public member to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the one individual listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## DECISION HISTORY

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City Council at its meeting of March 27, 2019 re-established the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX3.4>

## COMMENTS

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The City of Toronto recognizes and respects the unique status and cultural diversity among the Indigenous/Aboriginal communities in Toronto. The City continues its commitment to supporting the Aboriginal right to self-determination by working inclusively with First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Toronto.

The Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee's mandate is to provide advice to City Council on the elimination of barriers faced by First Nations, Inuit and Métis including barriers related to City by-laws, policies, programs and service delivery and to act as a liaison with external bodies on barriers to the participation of Aboriginal peoples in public life while advancing the achievement of social, cultural, economic and the spiritual wellbeing of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

### **Composition of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee**

The Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee is composed of 25 members:

- One members of City Council
- 24 representatives of Indigenous/Aboriginal organizations

There are currently 17 appointed public members. The Indigenous Affairs Office is currently working to identify ways to fill the additional seats in order to have the diversity of Indigenous communities represented fully on the Committee.

### **Committee members must be eligible and meet certain qualifications**

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members appointed to the Advisory Committee are representatives of Aboriginal organizations in Toronto and should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the Committee:

- Strong knowledge of urban First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities, gained through personal and/or professional experience
- Knowledge in one or more areas of Indigenous: service planning and delivery, employment, policy and procedure, business, built environment and public spaces
- Experience in Indigenous governance, decision-making, communication and advocacy

## **Continuity of Service**

To continue the effective work of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, the reconstituted advisory body includes 50% returning members from the previous membership group. It is intended that this composition will preserve institutional learning achieved in the previous term regarding how best to work with the City, while at the same time encouraging fresh voices and diverse perspectives contributed by new members who represent additional important sectors in the Indigenous community (ex. arts/culture, business, youth).

## **Term of Office**

The term of office for public members to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee is 4 years, coinciding with the term of City Council. Therefore, the new member appointed to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee would serve a term ending November 14, 2022.

## **Appointments to advisory bodies are governed by a different process**

The appointment of public members to the City's advisory bodies falls under the Public Appointments Policy; however, the process for recruiting, reviewing and recommending candidates falls to the program staff responsible for these bodies. The Indigenous Affairs Office staff have reviewed the applications and forwarded the name of the recommended candidate to the Civic Appointments Committee for recommendation to City Council.

## **Public release of name of recommended candidate**

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 - Name of Recommended Candidate for Appointment to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee