

Appointment of Public Members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Date: June 8, 2021

To: Civic Appointments 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of two public members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2025 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 16, 2019, City Council appointed three members of the public and five stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA8.5>.

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend public appointments to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board to City Council through the Civic Appointments Committee: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>

At its meeting held July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017, City Council appointed two members of the public to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 6, 2021, and until successors are appointed: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CC31.20>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

The board consists of 15 members and is composed of:

- the Council member for Ward 13, Toronto Centre
- 5 public members
- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA nominated by the BIA
- 1 member nominated by Ryerson University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association
- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 1 employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 1 employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 2 City of Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights)

There are currently two positions under consideration

There are two members on the Yonge-Dundas Square Board with terms of office ending on July 6, 2021. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending July 16, 2025 and until successors are appointed.

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in economic and community development, finance and administration, board governance and public policy. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation on the Yonge-Dundas Square Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with staff from Yonge-Dundas Square.

City Clerk's and Economic Development and Culture staff screened and shortlisted six candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Economic Development and Culture staff were asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise and familiarity with Yonge-Dundas Square's policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Council & Committee Administrator, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Acting General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

The panel determined the final two candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending two candidates for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Economic Development and Culture and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending two highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public and stakeholder group members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills
- ability to work with people with diverse interests
- sound finance and administrative skills
- knowledge of economic and community development

- interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto

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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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Biographies and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Yonge-Dundas Square Board