

September 17, 2008

To: Toronto City Council
From: Mayor David Miller
Subject: Appointment of a Toronto Ombudsperson

I am pleased to transmit and recommend adoption of the attached report from the Ombudsperson Selection Panel. The report contains the Panel's recommendation to appoint a Toronto Ombudsperson – the first municipal Ombudsperson in Ontario.

City Council adopted the establishment of this landmark function on October 22, 2007. I was authorized to appoint and chair a Selection Panel to undertake a comprehensive recruitment process and recommend to Council a preferred candidate. The Selection Panel included Councillor Carroll, Councillor Di Giorgio, Councillor Lindsay Luby, and Councillor Vaughan. I also invited Ms. Johanne Savard, Ombudsman for the City of Montreal, to participate in the selection process because of her extensive municipal ombudsman experience and understanding of the function. Ms. Savard established the Montreal's Ombudsman Office, one of the first in a Canadian city. Her participation in the process was invaluable.

The panel undertook a rigorous review and interview process, assisted by an independent external search firm. I want to thank the Panel for their participation in the recruitment process and for all of their efforts to ensure a successful outcome for this very important position.

Mayor David Miller