Recommended Candidate to Fill Mid-term Vacancy on the North York Community Preservation Panel

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SUMMARY

This report recommends a candidate to fill a mid-term vacancy on the North York Community Preservation Panel and recommends that City Council nominate the individual listed in confidential Attachment 1 to the North York Community Preservation Panel. Candidates were scored by a Selection Committee on their ability to answer predetermined interview questions.
RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. Council nominate the candidate listed in the confidential Attachment 1 effective January 1, 2009 to the North York Community Preservation Panel for a term coincident with Council or until their successors are appointed.

2. Council authorize the release of the confidential Attachment 1 once it has dealt with this staff report.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY
The Toronto Community Preservation Panels are governed under Section 103-18 of the Municipal Code. In 2003 City Council transferred responsibility for managing the Panel recruitment process from the City Clerk’s Office to Heritage Preservation Services. Heritage Preservation Services organized the recruitment process for the current Preservation Panels and members were nominated by City Council in 2007.


ISSUE BACKGROUND
The four Community Preservation Panels act as heritage advocates in their communities. They report to the Toronto Preservation Board on local heritage matters and issues pertaining to the Ontario Heritage Act. The Panels are made up of a maximum of fifteen and minimum of five volunteer members and up to two City Councillors. The terms of the Panels are coincident with Council or until their successors are appointed. The chair or designate of each Preservation Panel also sits as a member of the Toronto Preservation Board. The North York Preservation Panel is not currently at its membership capacity.

COMMENTS
City Planning staff reviewed applications for mid-term vacancies forwarded by the Preservation Panel Chair. Applications were accepted until November 21, 2008.

A Selection Committee comprised of three Toronto Preservation Board members and two Heritage Preservation Services staff members was established to interview the eligible applicants. The applicants were asked three predetermined questions relating to the role of the Panels and of Panel members.

The individual recommended in Attachment 1 has relevant professional skills that apply to heritage preservation and/or has years of experience serving their community as community advocates and has an abiding interest in heritage preservation.
Pending Council’s approval, the applicant will be notified of the results of the mid-term vacancy application process. City Planning staff will hold a mandatory orientation session for the new preservation Panel member in their community.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**
Attachment No. 1: Individual Recommended for the North York Community Preservation Panel