Appointment of Citizens to the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation

Date: June 2, 2011
To: City Council
From: Chair, Corporation Nominating Panel
Wards: All

Reason for Confidential Information: This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.

Reference Number:

SUMMARY
This report recommends the appointment of seven citizen members, including a Chair, and the identification of two alternate members, to the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

RECOMMENDATIONS
The Corporation Nominating Panel recommends that:

(1) City Council appoint the seven individuals, including the recommended Chair, listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report to serve at the pleasure of Council as members of the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation effective June 15, 2011, for a term ending June 14, 2013, with a renewal term of two years, or until a successor is appointed;

(2) City Council identify the two individuals named in Confidential Attachment 2 as alternate members of the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) so that in the event there is a citizen vacancy on the TCHC board during the term they may be approached to determine their continued interest and availability for the Board and be considered by Council for appointment at that time;
(3) Confidential Attachment 1 be made public following City Council’s approval and after the individuals named therein have been notified of Council’s decision;

(4) the contents of Confidential Attachment 2 to this report be kept in their entirety confidential after consideration of this report by Council.

Financial Impact
The recommendations in this report have no direct financial impact on the City.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
The Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation is composed of 13 members:

- the Mayor or a Member of Council as the Mayor’s designate;
- 3 Members of Council recommended by the Striking Committee of Council;
- 2 TCHC tenants nominated by the tenants through an election process designed by the tenants and approved by City Council; and
- 7 citizens nominated by the Corporation Nominating Panel.

The Public Appointments Policy provides that a Corporation Nominating Panel appointed by the Mayor reviews applications, short lists candidates for interviews, interviews candidates and recommends the citizen members of the TCHC Board, including a recommended Chair, to City Council for appointment.

The recommendations of the Striking Committee concerning the appointment of members of Council to the TCHC Board are before this meeting of Council as Item ST3.2. The tenant positions on the TCHC Board are nominated by TCHC’s tenants through an election process approved by City Council at its meeting held on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004 as Clause 23, Policy and Finance Committee Report No. 2. The outcome of the tenant election process is transmitted to Council by a report from the City Manager that is a separate item on this agenda of City Council.

COMMENTS
The process for the recruitment of citizen members for the TCHC Board of Directors included an advertisement in the Toronto Section of the Globe and Mail on March 29. The appointment opportunity was also posted on the public appointments page of the City’s web site and on the DiverseCity onBoard web site of the Maytree Foundation. The advertisement was sent to 24 professional associations and business groups for posting on their web sites and circulation to their memberships and was mailed and emailed to 1,272 persons on lists of interested persons maintained by the City Clerk’s Office. Finally, the advertisement was circulated to the networks of community and diversity groups maintained by the Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Office.

The Corporation Nominating Panel considered the following in arriving at its recommendations: the qualifications of individual candidates; the ability of the entire board to cover the range of qualifications set by Council in the Public Appointments
Policy; the ability of the recommended board to form an effective leadership group, and the ability of the board to reflect the diversity of the community.

The application period closed on April 15. A total of 333 applications were received and reviewed by the Panel, who selected 24 candidates to be interviewed. The recommended candidates for the TCHC Board, including a recommended Chair and two alternate citizen members, are set out in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2.

This report is submitted by the Chair on behalf of the members of the Corporation Nominating Panel.

SIGNATURE

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Chair, Corporation Nominating Panel

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1: Recommended Citizen Appointments to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors

Confidential Attachment 2: Recommended Alternate Citizen Members of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors