



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Nominees for Appointment to fill the Vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre

<b>Date:</b>	September 26, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	City Clerk
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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At its meeting of August 26, 2013, City Council declared the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre vacant and decided to fill that vacancy by appointment. This report provides the names of qualified electors who wish to be considered for appointment to fill the vacancy.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Clerk recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Consider and recommend to City Council its preferred candidate from among the following persons who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Councillor and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre:
  1. Paul Agapito
  2. Danish Ahmed
  3. Miguel Avila
  4. Kadir Bacchus
  5. Princess Boucher
  6. Vincent Conforzi
  7. Valrie Cushing
  8. Janice DeHart
  9. Brian Dillon
  10. Dennis Ewaniuk

11. Irene Fantopoulos
12. Nickolaos Fragos
13. Mario Giansante
14. Nancy Green
15. Jack Huynh
16. Ruthmary James
17. Mirosław Jankielewicz
18. Chaitanya Kalevar
19. Doug Kwan
20. Peter Leon
21. Peter Markiewicz
22. Patrick McConnell
23. Aziza Mohammed
24. Rosemarie Mulhall
25. Rudy Nagel
26. Ram Narula
27. John Nunziata
28. Roland Ollivier
29. Naidu Pandurangan
30. Lake Pong
31. Agnes Potts
32. Ahmed Qureshi
33. Robert Scott
34. Bruce Sinclair
35. Raakesh Sood
36. William Star
37. Chris Stockwell
38. Peter Surjanac
39. Calvin Tarr
40. Stephen Thiele
41. Daniel Traves
42. Ross Vaughan
43. Tony Vella
44. Gary Walsh
45. Marek Zarkowski

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact arising from this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its August 26, 2013 meeting, City Council decided to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre through an appointment.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CC38.1>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* ("COTA") requires Council to appoint a person within 60 days after the day the office is declared vacant.

At its meeting of August 26, 2013, City Council declared the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre vacant and decided to fill that vacancy by appointment. At that meeting, Council also approved the procedures a fill the vacancy by appointment. This procedure is set out in Appendix "A" to this report.

Council must appoint a qualified individual by October 25, 2013.

## **COMMENTS**

As required under the Procedures for filling the vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre, the City Clerk placed advertisements in the Toronto Sun and the Etobicoke Guardian (central and south zones), which ran on August 29, 2013. See Appendix "B" to this report.

An information session was held on September 25, 2013 at the Etobicoke Civic Centre where all interested persons were provided with a Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification after providing personal identification showing their name and qualifying address within the City of Toronto.

The deadline for filing the required forms was by noon on September 26, 2013. By the deadline, the Clerk had received forty-five (45) applications. The City Clerk has reviewed the documents and is satisfied that the nominees are qualified to hold office. The nominees' names are currently for consideration by Etobicoke York Community Council. The list of nominees in speaking order at the Etobicoke Community Council is provided in Appendix "C" to this report.

Candidates were also given the opportunity to submit any documentation that they wish to share with Council members to support their candidacy for appointment.

Under Council's approved procedure, the Etobicoke York Community Council is required to consider the nominees and to vote for a candidate. The name of the selected candidate will be forwarded to Council for its consideration.

City Council will consider the nominees and vote for a candidate. The selected candidate will be appointed to Council for the remainder of the present term of office, which ends on November 30, 2014.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Appendix "A" - Procedures for Filling the Vacancy in the Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre through an Appointment
- Appendix "B" - Copies of Advertisements in the Toronto Sun and the Etobicoke Guardian (central and south) on August 29, 2013
- Appendix "C" - List of Nominees in speaking order at the Etobicoke Community Council

**Appendix "A"**  
**Procedures for Filling the Vacancy in the**  
**Office of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre through an Appointment**

1. Advertisements shall be placed in one major daily newspaper and in one local newspaper serving the ward. The advertisements shall indicate Council's intention to appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy and outline the process one must follow to be considered.
2. All interested persons must complete a Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification and provide personal identification showing their name and qualifying address within the City of Toronto. The forms will be available at the information session to be held at the Etobicoke Civic Centre from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.
3. The deadline for filing the Consent of Nominee and the Declaration of Qualification for Council's consideration shall be 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 26, 2013 and must be filed with the City Clerk.
4. The candidates who have completed a Consent of Nominee and a Declaration of Qualification and provided personal identification satisfactory to the Clerk, may appear before the Etobicoke York Community Council at its special meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

*Procedure at Community Council*

5. The Chair or Presiding Officer shall make a short statement of the purpose of the meeting and the general order of proceedings to be followed.
6. The Clerk will provide to the Chair or Presiding Officer, a list of the names of those candidates who have completed the Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification and the Chair or Presiding Officer will call for a motion from the Etobicoke York Community Council in the following form:

Moved by...

THAT the following persons, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Councillor and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre, shall be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy.

7. Each of the candidates shall be afforded the opportunity to address the Community Council for a period of not more than five minutes. Candidates will speak in the

order (date and time) in which they submitted their Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification to the City Clerk.

8. Each Member of the Etobicoke York Community Council will be allowed no more than one question to each candidate.
9. Following consideration by the Community Council of all submissions, the Community Council will proceed to vote as follows:
  - (a) Members of the Community Council will vote by way of ballot;
  - (b) Members of the Community Council must sign and print their name on the ballot; ballots that do not contain both the signature and name of the Member will be rejected from the count;
  - (c) if the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes cast does not receive more than one-half the votes of all Members of the Community Council present and voting, the candidate or candidates who received the fewest number of votes shall be excluded from the voting and the vote shall be taken again by the Clerk or designate and, if necessary, more than once, excluding in each successive vote the candidate or candidates who received the fewest number of votes in the proceeding vote, until the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes has also received more than one-half of the votes of the Members of the Community Council present and voting;
  - (d) where the votes cast are equal for all the candidates:
    - (i) if there are three or more candidates remaining, the Clerk or designate shall by lot select one such candidate to be excluded from the subsequent voting;
    - (ii) if only two candidates remain, the tie shall be broken and the candidate selected by lot conducted by the Clerk or designate shall be the candidate selected by the Community Council for Council's consideration;
    - (iii) "lot" means the method of determining the candidate to be excluded or the candidate to fill the vacancy, as the case may be, by placing the names of the candidates on equal size pieces of paper placed in a container and one name being drawn by the Clerk or designate.
10. Upon conclusion of the voting, the Chair or Presiding Officer will declare the candidate receiving the votes of more than one-half of the number of the Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council present and voting to be the candidate selected by the Community Council for Council's consideration. The name of the selected candidate will be forwarded to Council.

*Procedure at City Council*

11. The candidates who completed a Consent of Nominee and a Declaration of Qualification and provided personal identification satisfactory to the Clerk, may appear before City Council at a special meeting of Council to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Candidates may appear before Council whether or not they attended at the Etobicoke York Community Council.
12. The Speaker or Presiding Officer shall make a short statement of the purpose of the meeting and the general order of proceedings to be followed.
13. The Clerk will provide to the Speaker or Presiding Officer, a list of the names of those candidates who have completed the Consent of Nominee and Declaration of Qualification and the Speaker or Presiding Officer will call for a motion from Council in the following form:

Moved by...

THAT the following persons, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Councillor and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Councillor, Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre shall be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy.

14. Each of the candidates shall be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not more than five minutes. The order of speaking will be determined by lot. (The Clerk shall place the names of all candidates on equal size pieces of paper in a container and randomly draw the names.)
15. Each Member of Council will be allowed no more than one question to each candidate.
16. Following consideration by Council of all submissions, Council will proceed to vote as follows:
  - (a) Members of Council will vote by way of ballot;
  - (b) Members of Council must sign and print their name on the ballot; ballots that do not contain both the signature and name of the Member will be rejected from the count;
  - (c) if the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes cast does not receive more than one-half the votes of all Members of Council present and voting, the candidate or candidates who received the fewest number of votes shall be excluded from the voting and the vote shall be taken again by the Clerk and, if necessary, more than once, excluding in each successive vote the candidate or candidates who received the fewest number of votes in the proceeding vote, until

the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes has also received more than one-half of the votes of the Members of Council present and voting;

- (d) where the votes cast are equal for all the candidates:
  - (i) if there are three or more candidates remaining, the Clerk shall by lot select one such candidate to be excluded from the subsequent voting;
  - (ii) if only two candidates remain, the tie shall be broken and the vacancy shall be filled by the candidate selected by lot conducted by the Clerk;
  - (iii) "lot" means the method of determining the candidate to be excluded or the candidate to fill the vacancy, as the case may be, by placing the names of the candidates on equal size pieces of paper placed in a container and one name being drawn by the Clerk.

17. Upon conclusion of the voting, the Clerk will declare to be appointed the candidate receiving the votes of more than one-half of the number of the Members of Council present and voting.
18. A by-law confirming the appointment shall be enacted by Council appointing the successful candidate to the office for the remainder of the term of the present Council.



**Appendix "B"**  
**Copies of Advertisements on August 29, 2013**

## 'We can hear the sounds of bombs in the background'

**ANGELA HENNESSY**  
 Toronto Sun

GTA residents with family ties to Syria are hoping for the best but fearing the worst for their relatives.

"We know what's happening there, we can hear the sounds of bombs in the background when we are speaking to them," Bayan Khatib said at her Mississauga home Wednesday.

Khatib is one of many Canadians using social media, such as

Skype, Viber and Facebook, to stay connected to their loved ones who remain in Syria.

"We are in contact with family there every day and every day we are living in fear of what is going to happen next," she said.

In the past few years there has been an influx of people coming to Canada to flee the violence in Syria, Khatib said.

But dozens of her family members are still living in Aleppo and she said

she has already lost one uncle to the troops supporting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"We are terrified for their safety and we feel helpless. We talk to them on Skype and we feel like we are there with them," said Khatib, who immigrated to Canada with her family in 1986. "People wouldn't believe what is going on there."

Khatib said that in areas of Aleppo people fear severe punishment or even death if they're dis-

covered to be talking about what's happening.

"The secret police monitor everything in the regime-control areas. So they will speak in generalities because they are scared of what will happen to them," Khatib said. "They will talk about mundane things, like what they had for dinner. They can't tell us that their neighbour just got arrested or that their neighbourhood was just bombed."

It's alleged the Assad regime uses chemical weapons against its pe-

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### VACANCY

#### Office of Councillor, Ward 3 - Etobicoke Centre

Applications will be accepted to fill the vacancy of Councillor, Ward 3 - Etobicoke Centre.

To be eligible for appointment to this office a person must be:

- a Canadian citizen
- at least 18 years of age
- a resident of the City of Toronto, or own or rent property in the City of Toronto (or the spouse of the owner or renter)
- not legally prohibited from voting, or from holding municipal office

An information session will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall for anyone interested in being considered for the appointment.

Interested individuals must complete a Declaration of Qualification, Consent of Nominee and provide identification showing name, signature and qualifying address within the City of Toronto. Forms will only be distributed at the information session.

The deadline for filing an application is noon on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the City Clerk's Office, 100 Queen St. W., 2nd Floor.

Etobicoke York Community Council will meet on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. to hear from applicants, ask questions of applicants and recommend to Council its preferred candidate.

City Council will meet on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. to hear from applicants, ask questions of applicants and vote to appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

The successful applicant will serve the remainder of the term of office, which ends on November 30, 2014.

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## BALL BOYS

**MOSQUITO ACTION:** At left, James L. of the Red Sox tags out Dylan Wainwright at home plate during a Martingrove Baseball mosquito playoff game Monday evening. Right, Justin Harris bats while, at far right, Christian Cupobianco pitches for the Blue Jays. The Red Sox defeated the Blue Jays 15-4.

Staff photo/NICK PERRY



## SEPTEMBER

SUPPORT SICKKIDS THIS MONTH BY PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**SEPTEMBER 14: TORONTO 5K**

This mid-town 5K run starts and finishes at Sir Winston Churchill Park (Spadina Road and St. Clair Avenue). It offers participants the rare opportunity to run the streets of this beautiful neighbourhood on a traffic-free, timed course. Each participant receives a shirt and a medal upon finishing. For more information, please visit [www.toronto5k.com](http://www.toronto5k.com)

**SEPTEMBER 15: SEARS NATIONAL KIDS CANCER RIDE**

Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation has organized the biggest charity cycling event in the world supporting children with cancer. Spanning on Canada's West Coast, and finishing on the East Coast, the event is an epic journey of more than 7,000 km. A meet and greet with the cyclists is being held at Yonge-Dundas Square on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. Please visit [www.searsnationalkidscanceride.com](http://www.searsnationalkidscanceride.com) for more information on how you can support this event.

**SEPTEMBER 21: SWEETS N' TREATS: TORONTO FESTIVAL OF ICE CREAM AND DESSERTS**

The inaugural Sweets and Treats Festival, presented by the Toronto Festival of Ice Cream and Dessert, is set for September 21-22 at Sugar Beach in Toronto. The family-friendly event will feature some of Toronto's best sweets from food trucks/vendors, a beer and wine garden and live performances. Activities include buskers, face painting, a petting zoo and a midway. For more information, please visit: <http://sweetsandtreats.neumarkets.com/#home> or <https://www.facebook.com/TorontoIceCreamFestival>

**SEPTEMBER 28: THE CANACCORD GENUITY GREAT CAMP ADVENTURE**

The Great Camp Adventure is an up to 20 kilometre challenge-by-choice adventure walk that will take place on September 28 through the streets of downtown Toronto to benefit SickKids. Designed with the whole family in mind, babies in strollers, toddlers and tots, teenagers, moms, dads, grandparents and other family members will participate in ultimate camp adventures along the way making lasting memories of shared family fun. Register today at [www.campforkeeps.com](http://www.campforkeeps.com) or call 416-4-4KEEP.

**SEPTEMBER 28: LIONS CLUB WALK**

In support of the Ophthalmology Redevelopment Project at SickKids, the Lions Clubs of Toronto (Etobicoke, York, North York, East York, Scarborough and Toronto) are hosting a walk-a-thon on September 28 at Thomson Memorial Park from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The walk is open to the public and community support is encouraged! A barbecue lunch will be provided. Come and walk with members of your community and help us, help SickKids! For more information please contact Bob Knox at [bob33@rogers.com](mailto:bob33@rogers.com)

**SEPTEMBER 28: BLISS BALL**

This is a Canadian gala unlike any other. We'll break away from the expected gala regime to offer a never-before-experienced evening of visual mastery, heart-warming performances, delectable food and drink, and remarkable visual spectacle - all enjoyed beneath an interactive pavilion at the beautiful estates of Sunnybrook. For more information, please visit <http://blissball.ca/>

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**Appendix "C"**  
**List of Nominees in speaking order at Etobicoke York Community Council**

Nominee's name	Ward where qualifying address is situated
1. Kadir Bacchus	1
2. Ross Vaughan	3
3. Peter Surjanac	32
4. John Nunziata	5
5. Agnes Potts	3
6. Aziza Mohammed	6
7. Patrick McConnell	3
8. Daniel Trayes	32
9. Mirosław Jankielewicz	6
10. Lake Pong	14
11. Nancy Green	3
12. Raakesh Sood	2
13. Peter Markiewicz	3
14. Irene Fantopoulos	6
15. Danish Ahmed	32
16. Dennis Ewaniuk	3
17. Peter Leon	5
18. Rosemarie Mulhall	2
19. Marek Zarkowski	2
20. Ahmed Qureshi	5
21. Calvin Tarr	5
22. Paul Agapito	5
23. Vincent Conforzi	4
24. Janice DeHart	6
25. Robert Scott	36
26. Miguel Avila	28
27. Jack Huynh	7
28. Chris Stockwell	5

29.	Roland Ollivier	18
30.	Tony Vella	6
31.	Mario Giansante	4
32.	Stephen Thiele	4
33.	Nickolaos Fragos	3
34.	William Star	6
35.	Doug Kwan	3
36.	Princess Boucher	11
37.	Gary Walsh	24
38.	Valrie Cushing	27
39.	Ruthmary James	6
40.	Rudy Nagel	21
41.	Ram Narula	27
42.	Chaitanya Kalevar	17
43.	Bruce Sinclair	3
44.	Brian Dillon	6
45.	Naidu Pandurangan	14

Original forms are available for viewing at the City Clerk's Office.