

Appointment of Members to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

Date: June 18, 2015
To: Environmental Nominating Panel
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 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ("TRCA") Board.

SUMMARY

The Environmental Nominating Panel will conduct interviews on June 25, 2015 and recommend five candidates to City Council for appointment to the TRCA Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Environmental Nominating Panel recommend five candidates for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 8, 2018 and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1, 2 and 3 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the TRCA Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In August 2014, City Council approved changes to the public appointments process, including the establishment of five nominating panels to assist the Civic Appointments Committee in appointing members of the public to certain boards and committees: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.EX44.31>.

Public Appointments staff presented a public appointments overview and work plan to the Environmental Nominating Panel at its April 8, 2015 meeting: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NF1.2>.

On June 4, 2015, the Environmental Nominating Panel identified 15 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the TRCA Board: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NE1.5>.

COMMENTS

The TRCA Board is an external advisory body that consists of 28 members

The TRCA delivers programs to further the conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources within its watersheds. The TRCA Board is responsible for setting strategic policy and for overseeing the business and affairs of the TRCA.

The TRCA Board has 28 members, including 14 representatives from the City of Toronto of which nine are City Councillors and five are members of the public.

The other 14 members include representatives from the Regional Municipalities of Peel, Durham and York, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and the Town of Mono.

The term length is three years for public members

Under the Conservation Authorities Act, members may not be appointed to hold office for more than three years at any one time. Accordingly, public members will be appointed for a three-year term of office, continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

Board members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the requirements outlined in the Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications, including:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction
- flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the Authority's work
- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process

- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the TRCA's programs, goals, and objectives

Applicants were asked to relate their experiences to these qualifications.

TRCA Board members receive remuneration

TRCA Board members receive \$86.62 plus mileage per diem for each hearing attended.

We have consulted with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Staff

Public Appointments staff consulted with TRCA staff in March 2015 to discuss requirements.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Environmental Nominating Panel makes its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the TRCA Board (previously distributed with item NE4.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with item NE4.1)
Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the TRCA interviews on June 25, 2015