

Appointment of Members to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers

Date: June 10, 2015
To: Tribunals 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 Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

SUMMARY

The Tribunals Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend 16 candidates to City Council for appointment to the Property Standards Committee and as Fence Viewers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel recommend eight candidates to City Council for appointment to the Property Standards Committee and as Fence Viewers, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed, as follows:

- a. Etobicoke York panel - two public members
- b. North York panel - two public members
- c. Scarborough panel - two public members
- d. Toronto and East York panel - two public members

2. The Tribunals Nominating Panel recommend eight candidates to City Council for appointment to the Property Standards Committee and as Fence Viewers, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed, as follows:

- a. Etobicoke York panel - two public members
- b. North York panel - two public members
- c. Scarborough panel - two public members
- d. Toronto and East York panel - two public members

3. City Council replace Sections 629-3.1B and C of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards, with the following:

"The members of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers shall be appointed for a term specified by City Council, and serve at pleasure of City Council until their successors are appointed."

4. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The timing of this recruitment process is in line with the direction given by the Tribunals Nominating Panel at its April 28, 2015 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NQ1.2>.

On June 1, 2015, the Tribunals Nominating Panel identified 36 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NQ3.3>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers

There are 16 public members on the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers who are appointed to four panels corresponding to the Community Council boundaries:

- Etobicoke York panel - four public members
- North York panel - four public members
- Scarborough panel - four public members
- Toronto and East York panel - four public members

The Building Code Act, 1992 dictates the selection of the Chair

Section 15.6 (4) of the *Building Code Act, 1992* requires the Property Standards Committee to elect a Chair from amongst its members. Therefore, the Committee will

elect a City-wide Chair and Chairs for the four panels from amongst its members.

Committee members receive remuneration

The City-wide Chair receives an annual retainer of \$500, plus a \$125 per diem for each hearing day attended. The 15 other public members receive a \$125 per diem for each hearing day attended. Members who serve as Fence Viewers are paid \$30 per hour.

Committee members' terms will be staggered

City Council has approved the staggering of board and committee terms where not otherwise prescribed by law so that half of each board or committee retires every two years. As a transitional measure during this round of appointments, eight of the public members for the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers will be appointed for two years and the other eight public members will be appointed for four years. The members appointed for an initial two-year term will not have that term count toward the term limit under the Public Appointments Policy, and may apply to serve again following their two-year appointment.

Section 629-3.1B and C of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards, must be amended to allow for the staggering of terms.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Tribunals Nominating Panel forwards 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 Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers (previously distributed with item NQ3.3)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Item NQ3.3)

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers interviews on June 19, 2015

Confidential Attachment 4 – Interview Schedule for the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers interviews on June 24, 2015