

Appointment of Members to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

Date: November 9, 2015
To: Corporations 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 Community Housing Corporation Board.

SUMMARY

The Corporations Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend seven candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Corporations Nominating Panel recommend seven candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board, at pleasure of Council, for the terms of office as follows:

- a. six candidates for a term of office ending on December 10, 2017, and until successors are appointed;
- b. one candidate, who will serve as Chair, for a term of office ending on December 10, 2017, and until a successor is 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 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its May 5, 6 and 7, 2015 meeting amended the Public Appointments Policy to require a full recruitment process for corporate boards every two years: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX5.4>.

The timing of this recruitment process is in line with the direction given by the Corporations Nominating Panel at its September 9, 2015 meeting: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NC1.1>.

On October 29, 2015, the Corporations Nominating Panel identified 15 candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.NC4.1>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

There are 13 members on the Board, including the Mayor or the Mayor's designate, three City Councillors, two tenant members selected by the tenants, and seven public members.

City Council appoints the Chair of the Board

City Council appoints the Chair of the Board upon the recommendation of the Corporations Nominating Panel.

Public members receive remuneration

A public member Chair receives a \$20,000 annual retainer. The six other public members receive a \$2,500 annual retainer, plus \$500 per meeting up to an annual maximum of \$10,000.

Consideration should be given to staggering board member terms

At its May 5, 6 and 7, 2015 meeting, City Council requested that when considering appointments to the City's corporations the applicable panels give consideration to the staggering of appointments so that the boards have a mix of new and returning directors.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the eligibility requirements outlined in the City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively demonstrate a range of expertise in and/or have knowledge of:

- Business and financial management
- Community development
- Corporate governance
- Housing advocacy
- Labour relations
- Legal aid
- Organizational development
- Social housing
- Social services for hard to serve tenants

Applicants were asked to relate their backgrounds and experiences to these qualifications.

We have consulted with Toronto Community Housing Corporation staff

Public Appointments staff consulted with Toronto Community Housing Corporation staff in September and October 2015 to discuss Board requirements and issues.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Corporations 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 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board (previously distributed with Item NC4.1)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Item NC4.1)

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Interviews on November 16, 2015