

Metro Toronto Convention Centre – Selection of Candidates for Interviews

Date: April 2, 2015
To: Facilities and Finance 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 Metro Toronto Convention Centre board.

SUMMARY

The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel must select candidates for interviews for the Metro Toronto Convention Centre board. The Panel will meet on May 22, 2015 to conduct the interviews and make recommendations to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel select 6 of the candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 to be interviewed at the May 22, 2015 meeting of the Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel.
2. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board.

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 Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel at its March 24, 2015 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=10088#Meeting-2015.NF1>

COMMENTS

Metro Toronto Convention Centre is a provincial enterprise

The Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre Corporation (MTCC) is a government business enterprise of the Ministry of Tourism of the Province of Ontario. It is incorporated as a corporation without share capital pursuant to the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre Corporation Act. The Corporation is also a Crown agency under this same Act.

MTCC operates a facility for conventions, trade shows, consumer shows, corporate, and food and beverage events. A key objective of MTCC is to provide a modern, international meeting and conference facility that contributes economically to the City of Toronto and Province of Ontario.

The City of Toronto has three seats on the board, which may contain no fewer than 7 and not more than 13 members. Currently, the City's three members on the board include:

- 2 Toronto residents
- the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Toronto

We have consulted with Metro Toronto Convention Centre staff

Public Appointments staff consulted with Metro Toronto Convention Centre staff in March 2015 to discuss board requirements and issues.

Board members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the eligibility requirements of the City's Public Appointments Policy, appointed members should possess:

- interest in and a broad knowledge of the hospitality industry
- sound management background in finance, marketing, entertainment, food service, facilities operation or communications
- ability to devote time required for board meetings and for pre-meeting study and review of agenda and supporting material

Tourism Toronto appointment to be considered at a later date

On March 19, 2015, the current CEO of Tourism Toronto, David Whitaker, announced he is leaving Tourism Toronto in the near future to take a new position with a firm in Washington D.C. Tourism Toronto has not yet announced his replacement. Once the new CEO is announced, the Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel can consider the appointment of the Tourism Toronto representative.

Board members' terms do not need to be staggered

At its August 2014 meeting, City Council approved changes to the Public Appointments Policy to permit the staggering of terms of office for all boards not otherwise prescribed by law so that the terms of half the members expire every two years.

Because the Metro Toronto Convention Centre is an external board governed by separate legislation, the City of Toronto's staggered terms do not apply.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel has selected candidates for interviews, the City Clerk will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15 minute interviews. Six interviews at 15 minutes each will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of candidates and qualifications summary, and applications for Appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information summary