

Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management – Selection of Candidates for Interviews

Date: April 2, 2015
To: Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel
From: City Clerk
Wards: Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.

SUMMARY

The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel must select candidates for interviews for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel will meet on May 22, 2015 to conduct the interviews, make recommendations to the City Council, and consider four interest group nominees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel interview 15 of the candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 at its May 22, 2015 meeting for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.
2. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel, in making its recommendations, identify which candidates should serve two- and four-year terms, respectively.
3. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.

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>.

COMMENTS

Board composition

The board has 15 members, composed of:

- the Council member for Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale
- 5 public members
- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA nominated by the BIA
- 1 member nominated by Ryerson University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association
- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 1 employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 1 employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 2 Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights)

City Council appoints the Board's Chair

Municipal Code Chapter 636, Public Squares, Section 636-7C states that City Council appoints the Chair of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, while the Board elects a Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer, and other officers necessary to manage the Board's business.

Board members' terms should 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. Staggering terms will help even the workflow of the City's nominating panels, and will provide organizational continuity and memory on boards.

As a transitional measure during this round of appointments, two or three of the public members for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management will be appointed for two years and the others 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.

Board members should meet certain qualifications

Public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills
- ability to work with people with diverse interests
- sound finance and administrative skills
- knowledge of economic and community development
- interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto

Applicants were asked to relate their experiences to these qualifications.

We have consulted with Yonge-Dundas Square staff

Public Appointments staff consulted with Yonge-Dundas Square staff in the fall of 2014 and March 2015 to discuss board requirements and issues.

Different appointments process for interest group nominees

The appointment of interest group representatives to the City's boards is governed by the Public Appointments Policy. Nominating organizations recommend candidates for appointment to the appropriate City nominating panel. The panel reviews the nomination letters and applications and recommends candidates to City Council for approval.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel selects candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15 minute interviews. Fifteen interviews at 15 minutes each will take approximately 4 hours to complete.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and
Applications for Appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary