

Interim Extension of Waterfront Toronto Board Members

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To: City Council
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

City Council should re-appoint the City's two current public members of the Waterfront Toronto Board while the recruitment for the new board members is underway. The current public members' terms expire February 28, 2016 and City Council is expected make new appointment shortly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following members to the Waterfront Toronto Board of Directors, for a term of office ending once City Council appoints their successors:

- Mark Wilson
- Gary Wright

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 20 and 21, 2013, City Council appointed three public members to the Waterfront Toronto Board, for a term of office ending February 28, 2016: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CC30.1>. One has subsequently resigned.

At its meeting on October 2, 3 and 4, 2012, City Council similarly re-appointed the public members of the Waterfront Toronto Board to avoid the expiration of their terms: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.CC26.6>

COMMENTS

The current recruitment process for the Waterfront Toronto Board is underway, with meetings of the Corporations Nominating Panel scheduled for February 29, 2016 and March 21, 2016 to shortlist, interview, and recommend candidates to City Council. If these timelines are met, City Council will be in a position to appoint board members at its March 30-31, 2016 meeting.

Section 5 (3) of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act provides that: "The term of office of a board member is determined by the person or persons who appoint the member and may not exceed three years." For this reason, the current members' terms cannot continue until their successors are appointed. City Council should re-appoint the two City Council-appointed public board members to serve until their successors are appointed by City Council.

If City Council does not adopt these recommendations, the City's seats on the Board will become vacant at the end of February and the Board may have problems obtaining quorum for its meetings while they remain vacant.

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