Appointment of Member to the Toronto Hydro Board to Fill a Vacancy

Date:        April 18, 2016
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 Hydro Board.

SUMMARY

There is one public member vacancy on the Toronto Hydro Board, and this position has been vacant since December 10, 2015. The Corporations Nominating Panel will interview three candidates during its meeting on April 25, 2016, and recommend one public member to City Council to fill this vacancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Corporations Nominating Panel recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Hydro Board, at pleasure of Council, 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 Hydro Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.
DEcision History

On March 21, 2016, the Corporations Nominating Panel selected three candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Toronto Hydro Board: http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.NC8.3.


Comments

Composition of the Toronto Hydro Board

There are 11 members on the Board as outlined below:

- the Mayor or the Mayor’s designate (on December 3, 2014, City Council appointed Councillor Stephen Holyday as the Mayor's designate for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until a successor is appointed)
- 2 Members of Council
- 8 public members, one of whom serves as the Chair

The term length for public members is two years

To coincide with the terms for the previously appointed public members on the Toronto Hydro Board, the candidate appointed to fill the current vacancy will be appointed for a term ending on December 10, 2017, and will serve until their successor is appointed.

Board members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the requirements outlined in the Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications, including:

- experience on a public utility commission or board of a major corporation or other commercial enterprise
- corporate finance
- corporate governance
- market development
- large system operation and management
- urban energy industries
- public policy issues and laws relating to Toronto Hydro and the electricity market
- environmental matters, labour relations, and occupational health and safety issues
- commercial sensitivity and acumen
- independence of judgement and personal integrity
- financial management expertise
Public members receive remuneration

The public member Chair receives an annual retainer of $75,000. The seven other public members receive an annual retainer of $12,500, plus $1,000 per meeting up to a maximum of $30,000.

Public release of name of recommended candidate

The name of the recommended candidate will be publicly reported once the Corporations Nominating Panel forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Hydro Board (previously distributed with Items NC4.2, NC7.4, and NC8.3)
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with Items NC4.2, NC7.4, and NC8.3)
Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for the Toronto Hydro Board Interviews on April 25, 2016