Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Local Appeal Body

Date: November 24, 2016
To: Local Appeal Body 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 Local Appeal Body.

SUMMARY

The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend 7 candidates, including one as Chair, to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel recommend 7 candidates for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office as follows:

   - six candidates for a term of office commencing December 13, 2016 and ending on December 13, 2020, and until successors are appointed;
   - one candidate, who will serve as Chair, for a term of office commencing December 13, 2016 and ending on December 13, 2020, and until a successor is appointed.

2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held October 14, 2016, the Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel selected fourteen candidates for interview and directed the City Clerk not to contact them to schedule interviews until City Council made a decision on CC22.2, Councillor Conduct in Relation to the Toronto Local Appeal Body:  

At its meeting held November 8 - 10, 2016, City Council adopted CC22.2, Councillor Conduct in Relation to the Toronto Local Appeal Body:  

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Local Appeal Body

The Toronto Local Appeal Body consists of seven public members, including one as Chair.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- Experience in adjudication and mediation;
- Knowledge and experience with land use planning and planning law;
- Excellent listening skills and ability to analyze complex evidence;
- Sound judgement, tact, fairness and decorum;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely;
- Demonstrated high ethical standards and integrity;
- Ability to work under pressure to ensure timely hearing decisions; and
- Respect for access to justice, diversity and accommodation.

In addition to member qualifications, the Chair shall also exhibit:

- Demonstrated leadership and administrative skills;
- Highly developed chairing and facilitation skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with others;
- Knowledge of access to information and privacy legislation; and
- The ability to effectively represent the TLAB and communicate with City Council, City committees, the media and the general public.
Members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements
In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members of the Toronto Local Appeal body must meet these criteria:

- Cannot be a member of Toronto's Committee of Adjustment, a land division committee, or planning advisory committee member;
- Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment; and
- Members cannot act as agents for applicants before the Committee of Adjustment, Toronto Local Appeal Body and other City administrative tribunals and would be required to resign from the TLAB before doing so.

Members receive remuneration
Members of the Toronto Local Appeal Body receive:

- $500 per diem for full day hearing or mediation
- $250 for a ½ day hearing or mediation
- $200 for a written decision
- $200 for attendance at a business meeting

In addition to receiving the remuneration for a member, the Chair shall receive $60,000 annually.

Public members will serve four year terms and until successors are appointed
Public members will be appointed for a term of office until December 13, 2020, continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

Public release of names of recommended candidates
The name of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Local Appeal Body 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 Local Appeal Body (previously distributed with Item XV2.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information summary (previously distributed with Item XV2.1)
Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for December 1 and 2, 2016