



REPORT FOR ACTION

Appointments to Business Improvement Area Boards of Management

Date: Monday, March 20, 2017
To: Economic Development Committee
From: General Manager, Economic Development and Culture
Wards: 15, 16, 17, 22, 25 and 26

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend that City Council appoint members to the Bayview Leaside, Eglinton Way and Oakwood Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management and remove members from the Eglinton Way and Uptown Yonge BIA Boards of Management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council, in accordance with the City's Public Appointments Policy, appoint nominees to the following Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management at the pleasure of City Council, and for a term expiring at the end of the term of Council or as soon thereafter as successors are appointed:

Bayview Leaside:
William Michael Tufts

Eglinton Way:
Oscar Garcia
Michael Siklos

Oakwood Village:
Sarah Lockett
Christella Morris
Jeff Peters
Ann Sorenti

2. City Council remove board members from the following Business Improvement Area Boards of Management:

Eglinton Way:
Viive Tork-Hiis

Uptown Yonge:
Hank De Jong
Karen Kiratzis
Jonathan Skelcher
Norm Tasevski
Vacant position

3. City Council direct that Schedule A of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, be amended to reflect the number of board members for the Bayview Leaside BIA as eight (8), the number of board members for the Eglinton Way BIA as eleven (11) and quorum as four (4), the number of board members for the Oakwood Village BIA as twelve (12) and quorum as four (4), the number of board members for the Uptown Yonge BIA as eleven (11) and quorum as four (4).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of February 15, 2015, City Council appointed the Eglinton Way, Oakwood Village and Uptown Yonge Business Improvement Area Boards of Management.
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-74438.pdf>

At its meeting of June 10, 2015, City Council appointed the Bayview Leaside Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.ED4.7>

COMMENTS

The Bayview Leaside BIA is governed by the North York and Toronto East York Community Councils. Its Board of Management nominated one (1) new member. As a result, its Board of Management membership will increase from seven (7) to eight (8) members, including two (2) council members, and quorum will remain at three (3) members.

The Eglinton Way is governed by the Etobicoke York and North York Community Councils. Its Board of Management nominated two (2) members and removed one (1) member. As a result its Board of Management membership will increase from ten (10) to eleven (11) members, including two (2) councillors, and quorum will increase from three (3) to four (4) members.

The Oakwood Village BIA is governed by the Etobicoke York and Toronto East York Community Councils.

The Oakwood Village BIA has been relatively inactive for many years. Its Board of Management held only one board meeting in 2016, has not approved an annual budget or presented a program of activities to its general membership since November 2014. Since that time City Council directed staff to develop two pilot capacity building programs to promote economic revitalization. One was established in the Oakwood Vaughan neighbourhood based on demand from area businesses and residents.

The Oakwood Vaughan Revitalization Committee, established in October 2016, has since held meetings to identify initiatives that could help with area improvements. Initiatives include streetscape improvements, animating vacant storefronts, business recruitment, promotion of the area as an arts district, increasing the number of events and local park improvements. In addition, providing resources to strengthen the BIA's capacity has also been identified as a key strategy towards revitalization. Oakwood Vaughan area business operators and property owners identified in this report have expressed interest in serving as board members and are recommended for appointment

As a result the Oakwood Village BIA Board of Management will increase from eight (8) members to twelve (12) members, including two (2) Councillors and quorum will increase from three (3) to four (4) members.

The Uptown Yonge BIA is governed by the North York and Toronto East York Community Councils. Its board of Management removed five (5) members, including one (1) vacant position. As a result, its Board of Management will decrease from sixteen (16) to eleven (11), and quorum will decrease from six (6) to four (4) members.

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