

Appointment to Fill a Public Member Vacancy to the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DAIAC)

Date: January 30, 2017

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.

SUMMARY

The Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DAIAC) is composed of 12 members of the public and up to 3 Members of Toronto City Council. There is one public member vacancy due to the resignation of Tracy Odell in November 2016.

This report proposes that the public member vacancy be filled by Monica Winkler. Staff established a short-list of candidates for interview in December 2015, which was used to select the 12 public members appointed by Council in February 2016. Monica Winkler is the most qualified member remaining from the short-list.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint Monica Winkler to the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term of office ending on November 30, 2018 and until successors are appointed.

2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information which relates to personal matters about an identifiable person.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of February 3 and 4, 2016, City Council appointed 12 public members to the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.MM12.7>

COMMENTS

The DAIAC is composed of 12 members of the public and up to 3 Members of City Council. A majority of the members of the Committee will be persons with disabilities, as defined by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and should reflect the diversity of Toronto's population.

There is currently one vacant seat on the Committee due to the resignation of Tracy Odell in November 2016. The vacancy is for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed.

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the Committee:

- A strong interest in equity and inclusion of people with disabilities
- A strong understanding of the needs and concerns of a broad spectrum of people with disabilities and seniors, gained through personal or professional experience
- Knowledge of accessibility as it relates to one or more areas of: policy and procedure, service planning and delivery, employment, built environment and public spaces, accommodation
- Experience in decision-making, communication, citizen advocacy
- Available to participate in meetings during business hours

Monica Winkler has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Waterloo and worked in research on E. coli at the Hospital for Sick Children for 10 years. Ms. Winkler entered the world of meeting and convention planning, working on several events including the science fiction convention Polaris and the Canadian Children's Book Week. She joined the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work in 2008.

Ms. Winkler previously served on the City of Toronto's Disability Issues Committee from September 2013 to February 2016. She has maintained an active interest and has attended most of the DAIAC meetings in 2016 as an observer, and is abreast of the topics.

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ATTACHMENT

Confidential Attachment 1 - Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary