

Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management - Selection of Candidates for Interviews

Date: May 25, 2017

To: Facilities and Finance 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management ("Yonge-Dundas Square Board").

SUMMARY

The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel must select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board to fill two public member positions. The Nominating Panel will meet on June 20, 2017 to conduct the interviews and recommend candidates for appointment to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel interview eight of the candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 at its June 20, 2017 meeting for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.
2. The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

During its meeting on June 10-12, 2015, City Council appointed five public members (including a Chair) and four stakeholder members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC7.11>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

The Board consists of 15 members composed of:

- The Member of Council for Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale;
- Five public members;
- Two members of the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area (BIA) nominated by the BIA;
- One member nominated by Ryerson University;
- One member nominated by a local resident's association;
- One member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall;
- One employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights);
- One employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights); and
- Two City of Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights).

Board members must be eligible and meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board:

- An ability to work with people with diverse interests;
- Good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills;
- Interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto;
- Knowledge of economic and community development; and/or
- Sound finance and administrative skills.

City Council appoints the Board's Chair

Municipal Code Chapter 636, Public Squares, Section 636-7C provides that City Council appoints one public member to serve as the Chair of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board. In June 2015, City Council appointed Jan Mollenhauer as the Chair of the Board

for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until a successor is appointed.

There are currently two positions under consideration

The Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel must recommend public members to fill two positions on the Board which are currently held by Andreas Kalogiannides and Rahim Moosa who were appointed on June 12, 2015 for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed.

The Nominating Panel may choose to nominate eligible public members currently serving on the Board for reappointment.

Diversity data for the remaining public members of the Board

Diversity data for the three remaining public members of the Board, collected through the Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Survey which accompanies each application, is attached as Confidential Attachment 2.

Outreach was conducted for the current opportunities

The opportunities on the Board were part of the general public appointments awareness campaign in the winter of 2017 and fall of 2016.

We canvassed the candidate pool and two public members with terms ending on December 31, 2016 for their interest in appointment

The Public Appointments Secretariat retains applications on file for three years from the date candidates apply. City Clerk's Office staff made best efforts to contact all candidates who had applied for the Board, and confirmed if they were still interested in being considered for appointment to ensure that the Nominating Panel would only review applications from interested candidates.

In addition, Public Appointments Secretariat staff contacted the two public members who were appointed on June 12, 2015 for a term of office ending on December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed, and confirmed if they were interested in being considered for reappointment (see Confidential Attachment 3 for their responses).

We have consulted with Yonge-Dundas Square staff

Public Appointments Secretariat staff consulted with Yonge-Dundas Square staff in October 2016 and May 2017 to discuss Board qualifications and the appointments process. They provided the following information for the Nominating Panel's consideration:

- The Yonge-Dundas Square Board meets during business hours seven times per year. It is imperative that members are able to prioritize attendance at these meetings to ensure that quorum is met and that Board business is not impeded.
- Ideally, appointees will understand the unique challenges that come with managing

a City-owned public space under a service-based business model. Public service oriented goals and objectives can differ significantly from both private and not-for-profit sector organizations.

- The Yonge-Dundas Square Board has a unique composition of stakeholder and civic appointees. Since these appointments are dealt with in different ways, it can contribute to unusual circumstances when historical understanding and continuity is challenging. Considering the need to maintain continuity despite a changing membership is very helpful.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Facilities and Finance Nominating Panel selects candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15-minute interviews. Eight interviews at 15 minutes each will take approximately two hours to complete.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary and Applications for Appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for the Three Remaining Public Members of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interest in Reappointment for the Public Members Appointed to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board for a Term of Office Ending on December 31, 2016, and Until Successors are Appointed