

Attachment 1 – Heritage Toronto Decision Body profile

Heritage Toronto was established in 1949 to promote a greater appreciation for the City's rich architectural, cultural, archaeological, and natural heritage.

Through partnerships with local community groups and volunteers, Heritage Toronto provides city-wide programs and services. Core programs include tours from April to October, the annual Heritage Toronto Awards and William Kilbourn Memorial Lecture in October, and a year-round heritage Plaques and Markers program.

Heritage Toronto is governed by the [Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 103, Heritage](#). As an arm's length agency of the City of Toronto, it holds charitable status with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

Board responsibilities

The board:

- provides advice from a community perspective to the City, civic organizations and members of the public regarding heritage issues
- promotes and educates the public regarding heritage issues
- ensures that any privately donated funds received are applied to the specific purpose designated by the donor
- establishes and manages publicity and public programs, including awards programs, respecting city-wide heritage issues and to otherwise promote public awareness of the city's heritage
- serves as a liaison with the heritage community and promotes public awareness of the City's heritage resources
- serves as a focal point for volunteer sector groups
- assists and advises in the development of the Heritage Master Plan
- carries out such other duties relating to the City's history and development as City Council may assign

Board members also chair and sit on the board's standing committees: Audit and Finance, Branding, Communications, Fundraising, Heritage Conservation, Plaques and Markers, and Programs.

Board size and composition

The board consists of 25 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or designate appointed by the Mayor
- 3 members of City Council
- 19 public members
- 1 public member nominated by the Aboriginal community
- 1 public member nominated by the Toronto Historical Association

Chair and vice chair

The board elects the chair and vice chair from amongst its members.

Term of office

Public members of the board are appointed for four years.

Qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the board should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- broad interest in and knowledge of cultural, environmental or built heritage preservation, and a good understanding of current heritage issues
- expertise in fundraising and corporate partnerships
- expertise in good governance practices, including legal and accounting expertise
- an understanding of marketing, advertising and public relations
- expertise in public programming from experience in education, tourism, planning or museum management
- expertise in history

Meetings

The board meets at least six times a year, and at any time at the request of a majority of the members of the board, or at the call of the chair.

Remuneration

No remuneration is paid to board members.

Related links

- [Heritage Toronto website](#)