

## **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](#)