

Toronto Local Appeal Body - Selection of Candidates for Interview

Date: December 19, 2017

To: Local Appeal Body 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 Toronto Local Appeal Body.

SUMMARY

The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel must select candidates for interview for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body to fill a new vacancy. The Nominating Panel will conduct the interviews at its next meeting and make recommendations to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel interview four of the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 at its next meeting for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.
2. The Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 13, 14, and 15, 2016, City Council appointed seven candidates to the Toronto Local Appeal Body for a term of office commencing December 13, 2016 and ending on December 13, 2020, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CC23.1>.

At its meeting held November 7, and 9, 2017, City Council appointed one new public member to the Toronto Local Appeal Body for a term of office ending December 13, 2020, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CC34.3>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Local Appeal Body

The Toronto Local Appeal Body consists of seven public members, including one as Chair.

There is one current vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Toronto Local Appeal Body due to the resignation of Sophia Ruddock in December 2017.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- Experience in adjudication and mediation;
- Knowledge and experience with land use planning and planning law;
- Excellent listening skills and ability to analyze complex evidence;
- Sound judgement, tact, fairness and decorum;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely;
- Demonstrated high ethical standards and integrity;
- Ability to work under pressure to ensure timely hearing decisions; and
- Respect for access to justice, diversity and accommodation.

Applicants who are being considered for nomination will be required to successfully complete a pre-assessment test to proceed to the interview stage.

Members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members of the Toronto Local Appeal body must meet these criteria:

- Cannot be a member of Toronto's Committee of Adjustment, a land division committee, or planning advisory committee member;
- Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment; and
- Members cannot act as agents for applicants before the Committee of Adjustment, Toronto Local Appeal Body and other City administrative tribunals and would be required to resign from the TLAB before doing so.

Members receive remuneration

Members of the Toronto Local Appeal Body receive:

- \$500 per diem for full day hearing or mediation
- \$250 for a ½ day hearing or mediation
- \$200 for a written decision
- \$200 for attendance at a business meeting

In addition to receiving the remuneration for a member, the Chair receives \$60,000 annually.

Public members serve four year terms and until successors are appointed

The successful candidate will be appointed for a term of office until November 8, 2020, continuing to serve until a successor is appointed. This appointment will complete the term of office previously held by Sophia Ruddock.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Local Appeal Body Nominating Panel has selected candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15 minute interviews. Four interviews plus deliberations will take approximately two hours to complete.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body