

## Nominating Panel - Corporations

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### Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

**Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board**

#### Panel Decision

The Corporations Nominating Panel recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following six candidates to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending May 25, 2020, and until successors are appointed:

- Debbie Douglas
- Linda Jackson
- Wendy Kelley
- Colin Lynch
- Nick Macrae
- Brian Smith

2. City Council appoint the following two candidates to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board as Tenant Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending May 25, 2020, and until successors are appointed:

- Amanda Coombs
- Ubah Farah

3. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the report (April 5, 2018) from the City Clerk remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Manager, Public Appointments and Administrator, Public Appointments gave an overview of the selection process for Tenant Directors on the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

Candidates' biographies

#### Amanda Coombs (Tenant Director)

Amanda Coombs is a Toronto Community Housing Corporation Tenant Rep in the Jane and Finch community. She is currently obtaining a degree at York University in Psychology. She works in Toronto's various shelters, group homes and mental health facilities across the city providing crisis intervention and mediation. She is the Founder of Back2Basikz, a non-profit organization that provides both academic, mental and social support to individuals that are involved in the criminal justice system. Most of her free time is devoted to community advocacy and outreach.

#### Debbie Douglas

Debbie Douglas is the Executive Director of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants. Through her work in the NGO sector and particularly at the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, Ms. Douglas has highlighted issues of equity and inclusion including race, gender and sexual orientation within the immigration system and promoted the creation of safe, welcoming spaces within the settlement and integration sector. She was also a member of the provinces' Expert Panel on Immigration and Income Security Reform Working Group.

#### Ubah Farah (Tenant Director)

Ubah Farah has over 20 years of experience in organizational development, project management, and creative leadership. Her experience encompasses community advocacy, policy analysis, operations management, financial management, facilitation and public speaking. She has a diploma in Community Work from George Brown College and a degree in Social Work from York University. Ms. Farah is a passionate housing worker, intervention and high level civic engagement leader, and has built strong relationships with Somali-Canadian and Muslim diaspora leaders in order to help them better their lives.

#### Linda Jackson

Linda Jackson is a social worker and health care leader with thirty years of experience in a variety of health and social services settings. Linda is currently the Executive Director, Academic Family Health Team and Program Director, Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital. She was previously a Vice President at Baycrest Health Sciences and has served as a member on and Chair of numerous volunteer boards, health planning committees, and is the executive lead for a Toronto Health LINK. As a previous Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenant, Linda recognizes the importance of housing on health and wellbeing.

#### Wendy Kelley

Wendy Kelley is a senior executive and lawyer with over 25 years of experience in private practice and corporations. She has been a General Counsel and member of executive teams in various industries, including financial services, pharmaceuticals, and consumer products, involved in all matters of the businesses. She has significant expertise in corporate governance, compliance and enterprise risk management. She is a graduate of Queen's Law and completed the Harvard Business School, Advanced Management Program.

## Colin Lynch

Colin Lynch is Vice President of Strategy and Growth of Greystone, a \$32 billion investment fund and the Managing Partner of Velocity Growth Partners, a private investment firm and consultancy. Previously he was General Manager of Global Strategy at AIMIA, an Engagement Manager at McKinsey and Company and an Investment Banker at Morgan Stanley. He is a Trustee of Queen's University and a Director of the Empire Club of Canada.

## Nick Macrae

Nick Macrae is a Senior Portfolio Manager, Real Estate for Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, one of Canada's largest pension plans with assets of approximately \$70 billion. He and his colleagues are responsible for managing all activities of the \$12 billion global real estate portfolio. Mr. Macrae earned degrees from the University of Toronto and Queen's University. Mr. Macrae sits on several non-profit boards of directors and committees, including Community Living Toronto as Chairman.

## Brian Smith

Brian F. C. Smith was the President and Chief Executive Officer of WoodGreen Community Services from 1978 to 2014. He served as a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Toronto Community Housing Corporation, on the Ontario Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness and on the Consumer Council of Canada's Residential Intensification Panel Report. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts from Bishop's University, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Trinity College, a Master of Business Administration from Western University and a Non-profit Certificate from the Institute of Corporate Directors. He has also received Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association's Sybil Frenette Outstanding Leadership Award, the Canadian Urban Institute City Leadership Award and is a Past President of Home Ownership Alternatives and International Federation of Settlements.

## Origin

(April 5, 2018) Report from the City Clerk

## Summary

The Corporations Nominating Panel will conduct interviews and recommend six candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

## Background Information

(April 5, 2018) Report from the City Clerk on Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/nc/bgrd/backgroundfile-113846.pdf>)

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board (previously distributed with Item NC17.1)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Current Members' Interest in Being Reappointed (previously distributed with Item NC17.1)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview Schedule for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Interviews on April 12, 2018 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview Questions for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Interviews on April 12, 2018 and May 9, 2018 (to be circulated under separate

cover)

Confidential Attachment 5 - Interview Schedule for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Interviews on May 9, 2018 (to be circulated under separate cover)

## **1a Appointment of Tenant Directors to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board**

**Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board**

### **Origin**

(May 2, 2018) Report from the City Clerk

### **Summary**

The Corporations Nominating Panel will recommend two candidates for Tenant Director to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

### **Background Information**

(May 2, 2018) Report from the City Clerk on Appointment of Tenant Directors to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/nc/bgrd/backgroundfile-114861.pdf>)

Confidential Attachment 1 - Names and Biographies of the Tenant Director Candidates Recommended for Appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board