Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: June 5, 2018
To: Environmental 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 Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

City Council needs to appoint two public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) Board to fill two current vacancies. The Environmental Nominating Panel will conduct the interviews at its June 13, 2018 meeting and make recommendations to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Environmental Nominating Panel recommend

   a. one candidate for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 24, 2021, and until a successor is appointed.

   a. one candidate for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending November 30, 2018 and for a subsequent four year term ending November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed.
2. The Environmental Nominating Panel direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held May 5, 6, and 7, 2015, City Council appointed three candidates for a term of office ending December 31, 2016, and until successors are appointed, and four candidates for a term of office ending November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed:

At its meeting held May 24, 25, and 26, 2017, City Council appointed three candidates to the TAF Board for a term of office ending May 24, 2021 and until successors are appointed:

At its meeting held May 30, 2018, the Environmental Nominating Panel selected six candidates for interview at its June 13, 2018 meeting:

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

The TAF board consists of at least 12 members and is composed of:

• the Mayor or designate
• 4 members of Council
• 7 public members

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively have the following experience or knowledge:

• understanding of strategic energy efficiency and green energy market opportunities
• experience and knowledge of environmental affairs from an academic or non-governmental perspective, especially in the areas of air quality and climate change
- experience managing public charities, public or private foundations, community trusts, or other government grant programs
- marketing expertise, such as knowledge of demographic trends that affect consumer choice, in order to advise in community program design and delivery
- financial management and investment expertise, including experience in portfolio management and strategic investing
- legal expertise, in order to advise on legal problems and issues related to TAF's activities when they arise

**Public appointments staff have consulted with the Toronto Atmospheric Fund**

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with TAF in May 2018 to discuss the board's current work and strategic priorities going forward.

In addition to a strong commitment to the TAF's vision and mission, it was suggested that the ability to apply a regional perspective to board decisions would be an additional asset.

**Terms of office**

Appointees to fill board vacancies typically complete the terms of office previously held by the members who have resigned. Susan McLean resigned in April 2018 and was appointed for a term of office which ended May 24, 2021 and until successors are appointed. Rob Roberti resigned in May 2018 for a term of office which ended November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed.

Because the position vacated by Rob Roberti is for a term of office which ends in less than six months, to support board continuity the candidate appointed to fill that position should be appointed for a term ending November 30, 2018 and for a subsequent four year term ending November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed.

**Public release of names of recommended candidates**

The name of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Environmental Nominating Panel forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board (previously circulated with item NE10.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 - Interview Schedule for June 13, 2018
Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview Questions for June 13, 2018 (to be circulated under separate cover)