

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Amendments to the Interim Process to Select Tenant Directors for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item EX30.2. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the interim Toronto Community Housing Corporation Tenant Director appointment process to allow a subcommittee of the Tenants First Tenant Advisory Panel to review the Tenant Director applications and provide their feedback to the selection panel to inform the selection of applicants for interviews.

Summary

On January 31 and February 1, 2018, City Council adopted an interim process for the selection of Tenant Directors to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation board for a two-year term, consistent with the City's current Public Appointments Policy.

City Council, tenants and a number of stakeholders had called for an updated process to elect and appoint tenants to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors (reference: CC7.12). These calls included feedback received by Toronto Community Housing Corporation through their tenant engagement processes and by the City through the Tenants First project. The adopted process is as follows:

- the City and Toronto Community Housing Corporation to conduct outreach and promotion to Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenants inviting applications for appointment to the Board of Directors;
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation and City staff will hold information sessions for tenants interested in applying to be appointed to the Board of Directors, promoting the opportunity and highlighting the City's Public Appointments portal;
- as per the Public Appointments process, the City Clerk's Office will take in applications

and screen candidates for eligibility; and

- a selection panel composed of two City staff and a Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenant appointed by the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, will shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to the Corporations Nominating Panel for appointment by City Council including addressing any vacancies as they arise.

To further strengthen tenant input, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A recommends adding an additional step to the process to allow a subcommittee of the Tenants First Tenant Advisory Panel to review the Tenant Director applications. This feedback will be provided to the selection panel to inform the selection of applicants for interviews. Members of the Tenant Advisory Panel who apply to become a Tenant Director are not permitted to be a part of the subcommittee.

The Tenant Advisory Panel was established in 2017 to help guide the development of the implementation plan of the Tenants First report. The Panel consists of thirteen Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenants representing a range of geographic and demographic diversity, lived experience, knowledge and interests as well as experienced and emerging leadership. Members of the Panel were selected to provide direction and advice, inform policy development, and offer feedback on proposals and recommendations in the Tenants First Implementation Plan.

Requires Re-opening

Item EX30.2 - January 31 and February 1, 2018 City Council meeting, only as it pertains to the interim process to appoint tenant directors to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM38.3