



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Zoo Board

Date: March 25, 2019

To: Civic Appointments Committee

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 Zoo Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend four candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend four candidates for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 4 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held March 20, 2019, the Civic Appointments Committee selected candidates for interview at its April 4, 2019 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA4.4>.

At its meeting held May 24 - 26, 2017, City Council appointed four public members to the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 24, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CA16.1>.

At its meeting held July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, City Council appointed four public members to the Toronto Zoo Board for a term of office ending December 31, 2016, and four public members for a term of office ending November 30, 2018. All public members serve until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CA9.3>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Zoo Board

The board has a total of 12 members including:

- the Mayor or designate appointed by the Mayor
- 3 Council members
- 8 public members

Committee members must be eligible and meet certain 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:

- financial management
- tourism/attractions marketing
- knowledge of zoos and the role they play in wildlife conservation and education
- largescale fundraising or public-private partnerships, leadership, and partnership development
- general public sector board experience
- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desired qualification for at least one public member

Term of Office

The nominated candidates will be appointed for a term of office ending April 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

Consultation with Toronto Zoo staff

The Public Appointments Secretariat consulted with Toronto Zoo staff in December 2018 to discuss current board needs, emerging trends in Toronto Zoo programs and services, and the appointments process.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The name of the recommended candidates for the Toronto Zoo Board will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board (previously circulated with Item CA4.4)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Diversity Data for Current Public Members on the Toronto Zoo Board (previously circulated with Item CA4.4)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview questions for April 4, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview schedule for April 4, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)