



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - Selection of Candidates for Interview

Date: May 23, 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 and Region Conservation Authority.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee must select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews at its July 3, 2019 meeting and recommend seven candidates to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee select 14 of the candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 to be interviewed at the July 3, 2019 meeting of the Committee for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee 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 and Region Conservation Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held April 16 and 19, 2019, City Council adopted item CC6.1, Composition of Council's appointments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC6.1>.

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council considered item CC1.1, Recalibrating City Council's Governance System for 26 Members, and requested the City Manager and the City Clerk to have discussions with the TRCA on the timing of implementing change and any other considerations. Council also continued the appointment of the current City of Toronto representatives on the TRCA until such time as their successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>.

At its meeting held May 3, 4, and 5, 2016, City Council appointed one member to the board of the TRCA for a term of office ending on July 9, 2018, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CC18.4>

At its meeting held July 7, 8, and 9, 2015, City Council appointed five members to the board of the TRCA for a term of office ending on July 9, 2018, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CC8.14>

COMMENTS

Composition of the TRCA

The TRCA consists of 28 members and is composed of:

- 14 representatives from the City of Toronto appointed by City Council of which 7 are Members of Council and 7 are public members
- 14 members representing the Regional Municipalities of Peel, Durham, and York, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, and the Town of Mono

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the TRCA must demonstrate:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction
- flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the Authority's work
- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process
- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the Authority's programs, goals, and objectives

There are currently seven positions under consideration

At its meeting held April 16 and 19, 2019, City Council adopted item CC6.1, Composition of Council's appointments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority which established the composition of the City's fourteen appointees to the board as seven Council Members and seven public members. Previously, the City of Toronto appointed nine Members of Council and four members of the public to the TRCA.

All current public members of the TRCA were appointed to serve until either July 9 or November 30, 2018.

The term of office for new appointees is four years

The term of office for public appointees to the TRCA is governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Previously, the Act set the term of office as three years but under amendments made in 2017, a member shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, as may be determined by the council that appoints the member.

Outreach was conducted for these vacancies

The current vacancies on the TRCA were included as part of the public appointments outreach campaign in the fall of 2018 and winter of 2019. In addition, targeted outreach for skilled and experienced diverse candidates was done through the social media and by reaching out to highly qualified candidates with relevant experience who had previously applied for other City opportunities.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Civic Appointments Committee selects candidates, the City Clerk's Office will contact them to schedule their interviews. Fourteen interviews at 15 minutes each will take approximately 4 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 and Region Conservation Authority Board