Appointment of Members to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee

Date: September 12, 2019
To: Civic Appointments Committee
From: General Manager, Economic Development and Culture
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of 8 individuals to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the 8 individuals listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022.

2. City Council direct that the balance of confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.
DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting of March 27, 2019, re-established the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX3.4

COMMENTS

Mandate of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee

1. The mandate of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is to provide advice to City Council on:

a) Trends, projects and initiatives within Toronto’s Francophone communities that can contribute to the city’s social, economic and cultural vitality;

b) Supporting the economic competitiveness and business growth of Francophone businesses and businesses supporting Francophone communities; and

c) Opportunities for the City of Toronto to work with Toronto's Francophone communities to promote increased engagement in City initiatives.

d) The Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is a Council Advisory Body. It may not direct City staff or make binding decisions on behalf of Toronto City Council. Any advisory body recommendation that requires action by City officials or City Council must first be considered by the appropriate Council Committee and, when necessary, approved by City Council.

Composition of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee

The Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee will be composed of nine members. The members will consist of one Member of City Council and eight public representatives of Toronto’s diverse Francophone communities – four representatives of relevant Francophone organizations and four individuals who have exhibited leadership in Toronto’s Francophone cultural, business, community development or other sectors specifically related to the Advisory Committee’s Mandate.

Term of Office

The term of office for public members to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is 4 years, coinciding with the term of City Council. Therefore, the public members appointed to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee would serve, at pleasure of Council for a term ending November 14, 2022. As per the Public Appointments Policy, the limit on length of service for any citizen is a maximum of 2 consecutive terms of 4 years, for a limit of 8 consecutive years.
How appointments to advisory bodies are governed

The appointment of public members to the City's advisory bodies falls under the Public Appointments Policy. Members are appointed by City Council on recommendation of the Civic Appointments Committee for members of the public and Striking Committee for the members of City Council.

Diversity data for the recommended public members of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee

Diversity data on the 8 recommended public and association board members, collected through the Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Survey which accompanies each application, is attached as Confidential Attachment 1.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civics Appointment Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Qualifications, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.