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Decision Letter

Nominating Panel - Toronto Licensing Tribunal

Meeting No.	2	Contact	Sylwia Przedziecki, Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, March 18, 2019	Phone	416-392-8485
Start Time	9:15 AM	E-mail	sylwia.przedziecki@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 3, City Hall	Chair	Kathy Laird

NL2.1	ACTION	No Action		Ward: All
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Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal

Panel Decision

The Nominating Panel – Toronto Licensing Tribunal recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following candidate to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal, who will serve as Chair, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until a successor is appointed:

- Mary Lee

2. City Council appoint the following candidates to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal who will serve as public members, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed:

- Anu Bakshi
- Maureen Carter-Whitney
- Verlyn Francis
- Melina Laverty
- Edgar-Andre Montigny
- Daphne Simon

3. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1 - 5 to the report (March 7, 2019) from the City Clerk remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal.

Decision Advice and Other Information

Candidates' biographies:

Anu Bakshi

Anu Bakshi is a health justice lawyer since 2002 at Carranza LLP. Her practice consists of administrative law as well as civil litigation. She has an Honours B.A. from the University of

Saskatchewan and obtained her LL.B degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. She was one of the founders of the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario, a legal aid clinic that services the most vulnerable members of that community, and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She teaches part-time at Seneca College.

Maureen Carter-Whitney

Maureen Carter-Whitney is a lawyer and adjudicator in Toronto. She is a Member of the Condominium Authority Tribunal and her past positions have included serving as Vice-Chair of Ontario's Environmental Review Tribunal and Mining and Lands Tribunal, and as Research Director of the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy. Maureen holds a B.A. from the University of Toronto, LL.B. from the University of British Columbia and LL.M. in administrative law from Osgoode Hall Law School. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Hard Feelings Mental Health.

Verlyn Francis

Verlyn Francis is a lawyer, arbitrator, mediator and published author. She is Principal Consultant at Isiko Dispute Resolution Consultants, roster arbitrator at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution at Centennial College and is a guest lecturer in Osgoode Hall Law School's LL.M. Dispute Resolution Program. She holds an LL.M in Dispute Resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1997. She has served on several boards including the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Ontario Arts Council, Toronto Board of Trade, Toronto Community Foundation, and Youth Challenge Fund.

Melina Lavery

Melina Lavery has been a member of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal for several years. She also works at a regulatory college, where she attends Committee hearings and assists with decision administration. Prior to this, she worked at the Ministry of the Environment and a Bay Street law firm. Before studying law, Melina worked for eight years in international conservation with New York's American Museum of Natural History. She has served on the Board of several daycares in Toronto.

Mary Lee

Mary Lee became the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre's first Executive Director, April 2018. Mary has had numerous leadership roles in her career working for provincial government ministries, boards and tribunals. An expert in mediation, adjudication, operations and business services, Mary has been the director of strategic business services for Ontario's tribunal clusters (Social Justice Tribunals Ontario and Safety, Licensing Appeals and Standards Tribunals Ontario) and oversaw the province-wide operation of 8 boards and tribunals while Director of Operations. She holds a LL.M from Osgoode Hall Law School.

Edgar-Andre Montigny

Edgar-Andre Montigny was an academic teaching at various universities when his volunteer work at Neighbourhood Legal Services inspired him to become a lawyer. Ed was called to the bar in 2003 after articling as a judicial law clerk focusing on administrative law issues. From 2009 until 2016, he was a staff lawyer at ARCH Disability Law Centre working on accommodation and human rights issues. In 2017, Ed established his own practice focussing on

issues of consent, capacity and substitute decision-making.

Daphne Simon

Daphne Simon is a non-practicing lawyer who has worked in the public sector over the last 25 years. She represented clients from equality seeking communities as a clinic lawyer for Legal Aid Ontario. She then worked as Associate Registrar in The Law Society of Upper Canada's Licensing Process for 11 years. Daphne now works as an independent consultant in the regulatory community, including acting as the Executive Director for The Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators.

Origin

(March 7, 2019) Report from the City Clerk

Summary

The Nominating Panel - Toronto Licensing Tribunal will conduct interviews and recommend seven candidates, including one candidate as the Chair, to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal.

Background Information

(March 7, 2019) Report from the City Clerk on Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/nl/bgrd/backgroundfile-130625.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal (previously distributed with Item NL1.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 -Interest in Re-appointment from Current Members of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal (previously distributed with Item NL1.2)

Confidential Attachment 3 -Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal (previously distributed with Item NL1.2)

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview questions for March 18, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 5 - Interview schedule for March 18, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)