TORONTO

REPORT FOR ACTION

Public Appointments Orientation and 2019 Work Plan – Tribunals Nominating Panel

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Tribunals Nominating Panel
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a Public Appointments orientation and 2019 work plan for the Tribunals Nominating Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of December 4, 5 and 13, 2018, City Council approved the establishment of a citizen member Tribunals Nominating Panel as part of the item on recalibrating City Council's governance system for 26 members:
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1

At its meeting of February 26, 2019, City Council appointed seven public members including a Chair to the Tribunals Nominating Panel:
http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC3.5

COMMENTS

City Council established a Tribunals Nominating Panel to be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the City Clerk

At its meeting of December 4, 5 and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates directly to City Council for appointment to the Tribunals Nominating Panel. City Council adopted a mixed approach to screening and interviewing different types of public appointments in order reduce the demands on Council Members' time for interview panels and meetings. It also allows the City to assess the skills of tribunal candidates for public appointment by involving citizen interviewers with mediation and adjudication backgrounds in the screening of members.

The goal is to have most appointments complete in the first half of 2019

This Panel will be responsible for screening, interviewing and appointing public members for 57 positions across the City's ten tribunals including the Administrative Penalty Tribunal, Committee of Adjustment, Compliance Audit Committee, Dangerous Dogs Review Tribunal, Property Standards Committee, Rooming House Licensing Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Sign Variance Committee, Toronto Licensing Tribunal, and Toronto Local Appeal Body.

Timing may change

The schedule is dependent on a variety of factors, such as meeting and member availability, number of qualified applicants, etc. For these reasons, the schedule may need to be adjusted to account for issues that arise

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Public Appointments Policy dated July 6, 2015:
https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/pais/pa-policy.htm