



REPORT FOR ACTION

Appointment of Administrator under the Ontario Works Act, 1997

Date: June 5, 2020

To: Executive Committee

From: Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to appoint Tom Azouz, General Manager, Toronto Employment and Social Services as the City of Toronto's Administrator for the purposes of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services recommends that:

1. City Council appoint Tom Azouz as administrator for the purposes of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, (the "Act") effective February 24, 2020.
2. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services, on behalf of City Council, to request approval from the Director of Ontario Works, Ministry of Community and Social Services for such appointment, as required under Section 43 of the Act.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

Under Section 43 of the Ontario Works Act, 1997, it is a legislative requirement that City Council approve the appointment of the Social Assistance Administrator in the City of Toronto.

On July 16, 2013, City Council adopted MM37.64 - Appointment of Administrator for the Purposes of the Ontario Works Act, 1997, to approve the previous General Manager, Toronto Employment and Social Services:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.MM37.64>

As the successful candidate in the recent competition for the position of General Manager, Toronto Employment and Social Services, Tom Azouz will oversee the administration of the Ontario Works Act, 1997 (the "Act") and provision of assistance under the Act and carry out the duties of an administrator as set out in the Act.

COMMENTS

The City of Toronto has been designated as the delivery agent under the Act for the geographic area of the City of Toronto.

Section 43 of the Ontario Works Act states as follows:

Each delivery agent shall, with the approval of the Director, appoint an administrator to oversee the administration of this Act and the provision of assistance in the delivery agent's geographic area.

Tom Azouz is the current General Manager, Toronto Employment and Social Services and has served in that capacity since February 24, 2020. His appointment as administrator for the purposes of the Act has not yet been confirmed by City Council as required. Accordingly, this report recommends that City Council appoint Mr. Azouz as administrator for the purposes of the Act and seek approval for the appointment from the Director, Ontario Works in order to comply with the requirements of the Act.

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ATTACHMENTS

None