

PortsToronto - Selection of Candidates for Interview

Date: March 18, 2021

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: Interim 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 PortsToronto Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee must select candidates to interview for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors. Following the interviews, the Civic Appointments Committee will recommend candidates for appointment to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee select four candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 for interview at its next meeting for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors.
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 PortsToronto Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 31, 2018, City Council re-appointed Amanda Walton to the PortsToronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2021, and until a successor is appointed:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CA19.2>

At its meeting on March 31, 2015, City Council appointed Amanda Walton to the Toronto Port Authority (now re-branded to PortsToronto) Board of Directors, for a term of office ending on March 31, 2018 and until a successor is appointed.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CA4.2>

COMMENTS

PortsToronto is a Federal Public Authority

PortsToronto is a federal public authority that regulates navigation within the Toronto harbour, and owns and operates the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Marine Terminals 51 and 52 and the Outer Harbour Marina.

Composition of PortsToronto

The City of Toronto has one seat on the PortsToronto nine-member Board of Directors, composed of individuals appointed by all levels of government - federal, provincial and municipal, as follows:

- one individual nominated by the federal Minister of Transport
- one individual appointed by the City of Toronto
- one individual appointed by the Province of Ontario
- six individuals nominated by the federal Minister of Transport in consultation with identified user groups, namely commercial, recreational, airport and port operations

There is currently one position under consideration

There is one position under consideration because the term of office of the current appointee, Amanda Walton, ends on March 31, 2021.

The public member will serve a three year term

Under the Canada Marine Act, directors are appointed to hold office for a term of not more than three years provided that not more than half of the directors' terms expire in the same year. Terms are renewable twice only, and a director shall serve no more than nine consecutive years on the board.

Committee members must meet certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the eligibility requirements of the City's Public Appointments Policy, Section 16 of the Canada Marine Act contains specific eligibility requirements for directors of a port authority.

Members of the public are ineligible for appointment to the PortsToronto board if they are:

- an elected official of the municipal, provincial, or federal government or a member of the Senate;
- an employee or officer for the municipal, provincial, or federal government, provincial or federal Crown corporation, or a port authority;
- an individual who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
- a director, officer, or employee of a person who is a user of the Port of Toronto;
- an individual who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court; or
- an undischarged bankrupt.

In the application form, applicants were asked to indicate if any of these restrictions applied to them.

Additional member qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, the City's public member should possess:

- recognized experience in one of the following areas: the transportation industry, the business community or legal
- an understanding of the City's interests

Board members receive remuneration

Remuneration is set and paid by PortsToronto.

Outreach was conducted for this position

Outreach to attract a range of qualified, diverse candidates for the PortsToronto Board was conducted using social media including on Twitter and LinkedIn, shared with community organizations and communicated via the Public Appointments e-update list.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Civic Appointments Committee has selected candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15 minute interviews. Four interviews plus deliberations will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors