

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Zoo Board

Date: June 25, 2021

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: 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 Toronto Zoo Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend five candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board of Management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. Civic Appointments Committee recommend five candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 15, 2025, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 4 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 18, 2021, the Civic Appointments Committee selected ten candidates for interview at its July 8, 2021 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.CA20.4>.

At its meeting held April 16 and 19, 2019, City Council appointed four public members to the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA5.5>.

At its meeting held May 24 - 26, 2017, City Council appointed four public members to the Toronto Zoo Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 24, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CA16.1>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Zoo Board

The board has a total of 12 members including:

- the Mayor or designate appointed by the Mayor
- 3 Council members
- 8 public members

City Council appoints the board's Chair, and the board elects a Vice Chair from amongst its members.

Committee members must be eligible and meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the board should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- financial management
- tourism/attractions marketing
- knowledge of zoos and the role they play in wildlife conservation and education
- largescale fundraising or public-private partnerships, leadership, and partnership development
- general public sector board experience

- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desired qualification for at least one public member

There are currently five positions under consideration

Four positions on the board are currently held by members whose terms ended on May 24, 2021, and who are continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

A fifth position on the board is under consideration due to the resignation of Brittany Misurec, effective April 15, 2021.

Term of Office

The term of office for public members is four years. Members will be appointed for a term of office ending July 15, 2025, and until successors are appointed.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The name of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Zoo Board (previously circulated with Item CA20.4)

Confidential Attachment 2 – Diversity Data for Current Public Members on the Toronto Zoo Board (previously circulated with Item CA20.4)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview questions for July 8, 2021 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview schedule for July 8, 2021 (to be circulated under separate cover)