

Appointment of Tenant Director to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors

Date: October 15, 2021

To: Corporations Nominating Panel

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

The Corporations Nominating Panel will recommend a public member, tenant representative to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Corporations Nominating Panel recommend the candidate listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to City Council for appointment as a public member, tenant representative on the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending March 10, 2023, continuing to serve until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual being considered for appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on July 14, 2021 City Council amended Section 6.1, Composition of the Board, of the Updated Shareholder Direction for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to add one public member to the Board of Directors as a Tenant representative, so that the composition of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors will be 13 members:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.EX25.12>

At its meeting on March 10, 2021 City Council appointed nine public members, including two tenant directors at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending March 10, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.CC30.4>

At its meeting on October 27, 2020 City Council amended the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Shareholder Direction to make permanent the process to select Tenant Directors for the TCHC Board of Directors:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX17.2>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation

The board has a total of 13 members including:

- the Mayor or the Mayor's designate
- 2 City Councillors
- 3 tenant directors
- 7 public members

There is currently one tenant director position under consideration

This position is a result of City Council amending the composition of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors to include one additional public member on the board as a tenant director.

Public members serve a two year term

The term of office for the TCHC Board of Directors is two years. The tenant director will be appointed at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending March 10, 2023, continuing to serve until successors are appointed. This term is less than two years in

order to coincide with the term end dates of the other public members appointed to the board.

Selection process for tenant directors

Earlier this year staff completed a selection process to identify candidates to recommend for appointment as tenant directors to the TCHC Board of Directors. The process included the following:

- TCHC staff conducted targeted outreach by distributing posters and newsletters to residents to promote the opportunity to apply and the information sessions.
- City staff held two virtual information sessions for TCHC residents to inform them about the roles and responsibilities of a board member and explain the appointment process.
- The selection panel composed of City staff and a TCHC tenant reviewed the applications. A panel of TCHC tenants were also engaged to conduct a review of the applications and identify which candidates they deemed to be highly qualified.
- The selection panel conducted shortlisting and interviews.

Staff are recommending one candidate for appointment

Staff are recommending one highly qualified candidates for appointment to the TCHC Board as a public member, tenant director. This candidate covers a range of approved qualifications with relevant knowledge and experiences.

Board members must meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively represent a range of expertise including:

- knowledge of the field of social housing
- housing advocacy or community development
- land development
- property management
- business management
- corporate governance
- organizational development
- labour relations
- business law
- social services for hard-to-serve tenants

Board members receive remuneration

- The Chair receives a \$20,000 annual retainer.
- Public members receive a \$2,500 annual retainer, plus \$500 per meeting up to an annual maximum of \$10,000.

Public release of the name of the recommended candidate

The name and biography of the recommended candidate will be publicly reported once the Corporations Nominating Panel forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – Tenant Director Candidate Recommended for Appointment to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board of Directors