

Changes to Business Improvement Area Boards of Management

Date: November 9, 2021

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

Wards: Don Valley West, Eglinton-Lawrence, Toronto-St. Paul's

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make changes to the Mount Pleasant Village and Uptown Yonge Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management, in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas. The Mount Pleasant Village and Uptown Yonge BIAs fall within two Community Council boundaries.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council, in accordance with the City's Public Appointments Policy, appoint the following nominees to the Business Improvement Area Boards of Management set out below at the pleasure of Council, and for a term expiring at the end of the term of Council or as soon thereafter as successors are appointed:

Mount Pleasant Village:
Matthew Kutas
Robert Prete

Uptown Yonge:
Stephen Lokash

2. City Council remove the following directors from the Business Improvement Area Boards of Management set out below:

Mount Pleasant Village:
Scott Purdy

Uptown Yonge:
Alex Mazelow

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 30, 2019, City Council appointed directors to the Mount Pleasant Village BIA board of management.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC1.3>

At its meeting of June 29, 2020, City Council removed all standing directors from the Uptown Yonge BIA board of management and appointed an interim board of three directors.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.MM22.42>

COMMENTS

From time to time, it is necessary to remove BIA board of management directors who are no longer able to serve, add new directors to fill vacant positions, and revise the size of BIA boards, as set out in Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code.

Community Councils have delegated authority over board appointments for BIAs within their Community Council boundaries. Where BIA boundaries fall within more than one Community Council area, nominees are appointed by City Council.

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Mount Pleasant Village

The appointment of two (2) directors and removal of one (1) director who has resigned from the Mount Pleasant Village BIA Board of Management will decrease the number of vacancies from three (3) to two (2). Quorum will remain at three (3).

Uptown Yonge

On June 29, 2020 Council adopted [MM22.42](#), which recommended removal of all standing directors of the Uptown Yonge BIA Board of Management and appointment of an interim board of three directors.

The decision followed a period of active oversight and involvement from staff and the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture in relation to issues concerning the election and operations of the Board. The General Manager determined that the existing board was unable to fulfill its mandate.

The objective of the interim board is to restore confidence in the Uptown Yonge BIA with its membership and encourage the participation of volunteers who might comprise the next board of management, to be elected in the fall of 2022. The interim board has reported success in delivering a number of initiatives over the past year and engaging local volunteers.

The appointment of one (1) director and removal of one (1) director who has resigned from the Uptown Yonge BIA Board of Management will not affect the number of directors or quorum.

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