

City Council

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City of Toronto Nominations to Rouge National Urban Park Multi-Stakeholder and Public Advisory Committee - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

***This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.***

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council nominate the following three individuals, based on their position and expertise, as the City of Toronto's representatives to the Rouge National Urban Park Multi-Stakeholder and Public Advisory Committee and that the appropriate City officials submit the City's nominations to Parks Canada before April 23, 2021:
 - a. Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Member of City Council for Scarborough-Rouge Park;
 - b. Dolf DeJong, Chief Administrative Officer of the Toronto Zoo; and
 - c. Kim Statham, Acting Director of Urban Forestry, Parks Forestry and Recreation.

Summary

Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, has invited the City of Toronto to nominate up to three individuals to its Rouge National Urban Park Multi-Stakeholder and Public Advisory Committee.

Under the Terms of Reference for this Advisory Committee, the City can nominate up to three elected officials or City staff (for example, technical or subject matter experts), or a combination of both. Members will serve a term of up to four years. The Terms of Reference are attached.

The Advisory Committee will also include representatives from Parks Canada's Rouge National Urban Park First Nations Advisory Circle (up to 10 members), York Region (up to 3 members), Durham Region (up to 3 members), the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (1 member), the Province of Ontario (1 member) and members of the public (6 members). One of the public members will be named Chair by the Minister.

The Mayor's Office has consulted with the City Manager's Office, the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, the Toronto Zoo and divisional staff, and

recommends the following three individuals be the City of Toronto's representatives to this Committee, based on their position and expertise:

Nominee	Role	Rationale
1. Jennifer McKelvie	The Member of Council for Scarborough-Rouge Park	Liaison with Council, local community and other municipal elected officials on the Committee
2. Dolf DeJong	The Chief Administrative Officer of the Toronto Zoo	Supports complementary conservation and visitor programming, research and development between Zoo and Rouge National Urban Park
3. Kim Statham	Toronto Technical Lead (Acting Director, Urban Forestry - Parks Forestry and Recreation)	Provides technical and operational expertise and liaison to City divisions and partners

The Rouge National Urban Park Advisory Committee is an opportunity for the City and its partners to discuss opportunities and needs related to the Rouge National Urban Park and the surrounding institutions and communities. In addition, the City has formed a Partnership Table with Parks Canada, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto Zoo, chaired by the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, that will facilitate communications, identify opportunities, and advance the planning and operational needs of all parties as the Rouge National Urban Park develops.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM31.47

Terms of Reference - Rouge National Urban Park Multi-stakeholder and Public Advisory Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-165620.pdf>)