

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Appointment of Public Member to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Civic Appointments Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council waive the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appoint Jonathan Ahee to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022.
2. City Council thank Warren Ross of the CMPA for his contribution to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board and appoint Marcia Douglas of CMPA to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term ending on November 14, 2022.

Summary

For over 15 years, Jonathan Ahee has been working with Canadian and American studios, networks, investors and production companies to bring film and television productions to Ontario. He co-founded the xoTO Schools program – a joint initiative of the City of Toronto, the Film Industry and the Toronto District School Board. The program is a co-op placements for high school students alongside film industry professionals.

As Co-Chair of the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board, he led the development of Toronto's strategic plan for the screen industry that has helped to grow Toronto's dynamic film industry and he continues to provide counsel and leadership for the workforce component which is one of the key pillars of the plan.

Along with the Board Chair, he oversaw the successful development of Spotlight on Toronto – the Strategic Plan of the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board which will continue to guide the work of the Board until the end of this Council term.

For this reason it is important that he remain on the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM34.4

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-167374.pdf>)