

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Appointment of a Toronto Ombudsman - by Mayor John Tory, Seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*

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

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday, recommends that City Council adopt the following recommendations in the report (June 4, 2021) from the Chair, Ombudsman Selection Panel:

1. City Council appoint as Ombudsman the candidate identified in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, effective August 23, 2021, subject to and following written acceptance by the candidate of the prescribed Accountability Officer employment agreement offered by the City, for a 7-year non-renewable term ending on August 23, 2028, with all the powers and duties imposed upon the Ombudsman by Chapter 3, Accountability Offices, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
2. City Council appoint the current Deputy Ombudsman as Interim Ombudsman effective July 23, 2021 and ending August 22, 2021, with all the powers and duties imposed upon the Ombudsman by Chapter 3, Accountability Offices, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary Bills to

give effect to City Council's decision.

4. City Council authorize the public release of the Curriculum Vitae Summary in Confidential Attachment 1 to the report from the Chair, Ombudsman Selection Panel.

Summary

I am pleased to transmit the report from the Selection Panel recommending appointment of an Ombudsman as identified in the confidential attachment.

Toronto's Ombudsman, Susan E. Opler, was appointed by City Council at its July 2016 meeting for a non-renewable seven-year term. On October 21, 2020 the Ombudsman announced her intention to retire from the position.

I appointed a selection panel that included Deputy Mayor Holyday (Chair), Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Matlow and Councillor Nunziata.

The Ombudsman Selection Panel undertook a comprehensive recruitment process to recommend a preferred candidate to City Council. The Selection Panel was assisted by an independent external search firm.

I want to thank the Selection Panel for their participation in the recruitment process and for their efforts to ensure a successful outcome for this very important position.

I look forward to an opportunity to formally recognize the outgoing Ombudsman at a later date.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM34.31

(June 4, 2021) Report from the Chair, Ombudsman Selection Committee on Appointment of a Toronto Ombudsman

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-167847.pdf>)

Confidential Attachment 1