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Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee Roles and Expectations of Public Members

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What is “Public Appointment?”

- In this process, City Council considered the candidates recommended by the staff nominating panel and appointed 10 new members of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.





Terms of Appointment

- All members of the committee have a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, which is the end of the current term of City Council. This is consistent with other Council Advisory Bodies.
- Members can only be appointed by Council to serve on one City board, committee, or tribunal at a time.



Conditions of your appointment

- Resident of the City of Toronto;
- Not an employee of the City of Toronto or any of its agencies or corporations;
- Not a spouse, partner, child, or parent of a Member of City Council;



Composition of the Committee

- The Committee is composed of 25 members with one Member of City Council.
- With the exception of the Member of City Council, Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee members are representatives of Aboriginal organizations and of the community at large.



Meetings of the Committee

- Meets up to 6 times per year, or at the call of the Chair
- Meetings are public and are held on weekdays
- Regular attendance is expected - please notify the Chair or the Secretary in advance if you cannot attend.
- Members should come prepared to discuss the items on the agenda



Honoraria for Attending Meetings

- Public members can choose to receive an honorarium of \$125 per meeting attended, for up to six meetings (the number of regular meetings in the committee's Terms of Reference).
- Honoraria are not intended for members who serve as representatives of organizations or businesses where they are employed.
- Reasonable expenses incurred while tending to authorized committee business can be reimbursed.



Leave of Absence

- You may submit a request to the committee to take a leave for a period of time, for any reason
- A leave is required if you run, or seek appointment to any elected office
- Depending on the duration of the leave and the committee's requirements, City Council may fill the vacancy while you are absent
- Contact the City Clerk's Office with any questions



Your Role as Public Appointees

- The committee's mandate, composition, and structure are set out in its Terms of Reference.
- You are supporting Council decision-making and City programs and services, while also providing a voice for Indigenous communities of Toronto.
- This work is done with the support of staff from the Indigenous Affairs Office, City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, etc.



Principles for Public Members

Serve the public
well

Foster equity,
diversity,
inclusion, and
reconciliation

Act with integrity
and impartiality

Champion the
standards of
public service

When to Contact the City Clerk's Office

- Please notify the Committee Secretary and Public Appointments staff by email immediately if:
 - ✓ Your contact information changes
 - ✓ Your eligibility changes
 - ✓ You are requesting a leave of absence for any reason, with effective dates
 - ✓ You are resigning, with effective dates



How to Contact Us

If you have any questions about your appointment to this committee or need to contact us:

- email appoint@toronto.ca
- Call 416-397-0088

Thank you!