

Appointment of Public Members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors

Date: January 20, 2022

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of 17 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint 17 public members listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council:
 - nine candidates, who will serve as public members, for a term of office beginning February 5, 2022 and ending February 4, 2026, and until successors are appointed;
 - one candidate, who will serve as a public member from the Aboriginal Community, for a term of office beginning February 5, 2022 and ending February 4, 2026, and until a successor is appointed; and
 - seven candidates, who will serve as public members, for a term of office beginning February 5, 2022 and ending February 4, 2024, and until successors are appointed.

2. City Council direct that the balance of confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 28, 2020, City Council appointed 1 public member from the Aboriginal Community to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 2, 2024, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.CA13.1>

At its meeting held July 16, 2019, City Council appointed 6 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term ending on July 17, 2023, and 3 public members for a term ending on July 17, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA8.2>

At its meeting held July 23, 2018, City Council appointed 1 public member from the Aboriginal Community to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2022, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM44.105>

At its meeting held January 31, 2018, City Council appointed 13 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2022, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CA18.1>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Heritage Toronto Board

The board consists of 23 members and is composed of:

- The Mayor or a Council member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate
- 1 member of City Council
- 20 public members
- 1 public member from the Aboriginal community

There are currently 17 positions under consideration

These positions are a result of:

- 10 members on the Heritage Toronto Board whose terms of office end on February 4, 2022;
- 3 members whose terms ended on July 17, 2021; and
- the resignations of the following 4 members; Shirin Mandani on May 13, 2020, Richard Moorhouse on February 26, 2021, Claire Nelischer on July 31, 2021, and Jay Pariseau on August 8, 2021.

Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Heritage Toronto Board is four years. However to support board continuity, staggered terms are recommended. Seven members will be appointed for a term ending on February 4, 2024 and 10 members will be appointed for a term ending on February 4, 2026, and until successors are appointed.

City Council has approved the staggering of board terms that are not otherwise prescribed by law so that half of the members' terms expire every two years. The members appointed for an initial two-year term will not have that term count toward the term limit under the Public Appointments Policy, and may apply to serve again following their two year appointment.

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in law, accounting, philanthropy, fundraising, corporate partnerships, marketing, communications, technology, and public programming. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender and diversity representation on the Toronto Heritage Board.

City Clerk's staff and the Executive Director of Heritage Toronto screened and shortlisted 35 candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. The Executive Director of Heritage Toronto was asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise and familiarity with Heritage Toronto's policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Acting People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Executive Director, Heritage Toronto

The panel determined the final 17 candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending 17 candidates for appointment to the Toronto Heritage Board

The Executive Director, Heritage Toronto and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending 17 highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Heritage Toronto Board. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Heritage Toronto Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- broad interest in and knowledge of cultural, environmental or built heritage preservation, and a good understanding of current heritage issues
- expertise in fundraising and corporate partnerships
- expertise in good governance practices, including legal and accounting expertise
- an understanding of marketing, advertising and public relations
- expertise in public programming from experience in education, tourism, planning or museum management
- expertise in history

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names and biographies of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates for Appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors

Confidential Attachment 2 – Recommended Candidates, Biographies and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board