

## **Appointment of Public Members to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel**

**Date:** March 28, 2022

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning

**Wards:** Ward 1 - Etobicoke North; Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre; Ward 3 - Etobicoke  
Lakeshore; Ward 5 - York South-Weston; Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel.

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends the appointment of 10 public members to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Senior Manager, Heritage Planning, Urban Design, City Planning recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following candidates to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel for a term of office ending April 25, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

- Nicholas Clemens
- Corey Horowitz
- Cherri Hurst
- Zdenka Jasura
- Eric Matusiak
- Madeleine McDowell
- Joseph Muller

- Neil Park
- Paul Cordingley
- Richard Unterman

2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting held March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, City Council appointed 8 public members to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel for a term of office ending November 30, 2018 and until successors are appointed:  
Agenda Item History - 2015.EY4.47 (toronto.ca)

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Role of the Community Preservation Panels**

- Recommend properties within the local community which should be considered by the Toronto Preservation Board for inclusion on the Heritage Register
- Monitor existing heritage properties, including those properties at risk
- Research into properties being proposed for inclusion on the Heritage Register, public programs and other conservation-related issues
- Provide for public awareness and promotion of issues relating to heritage properties, in co-operation with Heritage Toronto and other heritage groups
- Promote neighbourhood heritage and history
- Provide for local community activities recognizing the efforts of citizens to protect, preserve or promote heritage properties
- Co-ordinate related heritage activities with local museums, societies, the Toronto District School Board and similar organizations within the community
- Advocate, in co-operation with Heritage Toronto and other community heritage organizations
- Report to the Toronto Preservation Board

## **Composition of the Community Preservation Panels**

The Community Preservation Panels each consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum 15 members of the public. One panel is established for each Community Council district:

- Etobicoke York Community Council
- North York Community Council
- Scarborough Community Council
- Toronto and East York Community Council

Due to term limits there are currently 15 positions under consideration. The application process remains open and additional candidates may be considered should applications be received.

## **Public members should meet specific qualifications**

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members should collectively possess skills in or have an interest in:

- Local history
- Heritage research
- Architecture
- Planning and engineering
- Other knowledge that will assist the Panels in their responsibilities

## **Term of office**

Members of the Community Preservation Panels are appointed for four years. Panel members can hold office for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Members appointed in this process will serve a term of office ending April 25, 2025 and until successors are appointed.

## **Staff led a process to recruit and nominate candidates**

Although the Community Preservation Panels (CPP) are not recruited through Public Appointments, but rather through the efforts of City heritage staff guided by Article 2, Chapter 103 of the Municipal Code, Heritage Planning received critical recruitment assistance from the Public Appointment Secretariat of the City Clerk's Office. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations, including making best efforts to reach out to organizations whose participation would help to ensure that the composition of the CPP better reflect gender, diversity, and geographical representation. City Clerk's staff also advertised the opportunity on the Public Appointments website between April 2021 and July 2021 and received and organized the applications by District. Applications were forwarded to the Senior Manager, Heritage Planning and the Clerk's Office continued to provide helpful advice throughout the remainder of the recruitment process.

Applications were screened against the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and consideration was given to the number of available appointments within each panel district. As the number of eligible, qualified applicants did not exceed the number of available spaces in this district's CPP, no interviews were conducted.

### **Staff are recommending 10 candidates for appointment to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel**

Heritage Preservation staff are recommending 10 candidates for appointment as public members to the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications with the relevant skills and interest (Attachment 1).

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### **SIGNATURE**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 - Names and Biographies of Recommended Candidates  
Confidential Attachment 1 - Applications and Summary of Confidential Voluntary  
Diversity Information for Recommended Candidates

### Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel

#### 1. Nicholas Clemens

Following an undergraduate degree in history, and work in local museums in the Niagara Region, I began my M.A. program in Public History. During this time I developed strong research skills that have made significant contributions to the local historical record. In recent years, I have broadened my abilities, and for six years I have been working full time with collections at the Royal Ontario Museum as a Preparator, mount maker and art handler. I want to contribute to my community again.

#### 2. Paul Cordingley

I was born in Toronto, and have been a resident of Etobicoke since 1961. Retired Human Resources executive with over 34 years' experience in the electricity industry. I have a longstanding interest in heritage preservation, driven by past and current volunteer activities in railway museums and related preservation efforts. A member of the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel since 2014, active in local efforts to identify, research, and conserve important structures in Etobicoke.

#### 3. Corey Horowitz

I'm an urban planner currently working at Dialog in Toronto. Throughout my career I've worked on a broad range of development and policy planning, community engagement, master planning and urban design projects. I'm most passionate about issues of social and spatial inequality in cities, such as affordable housing and complete communities. I grew up in North York and have lived in various parts of Toronto since.

#### 4. Cherri Hurst

I have lived in Weston for over 40 years and have come to appreciate and love the built heritage in the neighbourhood. I have three grown sons and two grandsons and am now happily retired. I began my career in Animation but switched in 2003 to Professional Organizing. Everything I learned in these two professions I bring to my community involvement whether it be artistic, organizational or public relations.

#### 5. Zdenka Jasura

Many years of experience in private and government sectors in a marketing and communications capacity. Former board member on a not-for-profit business operating in an historical 120 year old building.

#### 6. Eric Matusiak

Eric Matusiak is a lifelong resident of Etobicoke. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Toronto and a Master of Business Administration from Western University. He is a licensed professional engineer with an interest in architecture and history - particularly the urban history of Toronto. He has served on numerous volunteer boards throughout his career and believes in giving back through sharing of experience and expertise to build a better future.

7. Madeleine McDowell

Madeleine McDowell is an artist/educator, teller of stories, with an abiding respect for the Common Good and need for Corporate Memory. She lives in the house where she was born, on the Toronto Carrying Place. She was a member of the City of York Board of Education 1980/95. An activist in Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage for over 40 years, she likes to work collegially in an inclusive community, attempting to voice the beauty of Mother Earth and the magic of both the Ordinary and the Grand.

8. Joseph Muller

I am: a registered professional planner (RPP) specializing in heritage planning; member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP); licensed as a terrestrial archaeologist in Ontario (P011); and, have been trained through the Nautical Archaeology Society in underwater archaeology. I have been working for 20 years in heritage planning at the municipal and provincial sector, preceded by 15 years in the private sector. I attended the University of Waterloo and McMaster University.

9. Neil Park

I am a telecom professional having completed a 37 year career in problem resolution management for a national communications provider. I developed research skills in using historical archives in my 30 years as an amateur genealogist. I became a board member of the Etobicoke Historical Society in 2017 employing my skills as a writer/researcher to discover, celebrate and preserve Etobicoke's heritage. I have enjoyed being a volunteer researcher with the Etobicoke York Preservation Panel since 2020.

10. Richard Unterman

My professional background is as a Heritage Consultant with Unterman McPhail Associates with over 35 years in practice working in the research, assessment and management of cultural heritage resources. I have a MA in Conservation Studies from the University of York, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, United Kingdom and a Diploma in Restoration Technology from St. Lawrence College.