

Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Waterfront Toronto Board

Date: April 27, 2022

To: Nominating Panel – Corporations

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 Waterfront Toronto Board.

SUMMARY

The Nominating Panel – Corporations will select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board. The Nominating Panel will conduct interviews at its next meeting and recommend three candidates to City Council for appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Nominating Panel – Corporations select nine candidates listed on Table 1 in Confidential Attachment 1 for interview at its next meeting for appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board.
2. The Nominating Panel – Corporations direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 18 and 19, 2019, City Council appointed three members to the Waterfront Toronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on June 20, 2022:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC8.3>.

At its meeting held March 9, 2022, City Council reappointed Stephen Diamond as Director and Chair of Waterfront Toronto for a one-year term commencing on March 21, 2022 until March 21, 2023:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.MM41.1>.

COMMENTS

Waterfront Toronto is a partnered corporation

Waterfront Toronto is a partnered corporation that was created by the Governments of Canada and Ontario and the City of Toronto in 2001. Waterfront Toronto's mandate is to oversee, lead, and implement the Toronto's waterfront renewal and revitalization.

Composition of the Waterfront Toronto Board

The board consists of 13 members and is composed of:

- 1 member jointly appointed by the three governments as Chair
- 4 members appointed by the Government of Canada
- 4 members appointed by the Government of Ontario
- 4 members appointed by the City of Toronto, including 3 public members and the Mayor or designate

The board's public members should meet certain qualifications

Public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- experience as a director in the public or private sectors
- urban planning and development
- brownfield remediation
- environmental sustainability
- specific familiarity with the technology sector and/or media, film and digital sectors
- economic development
- development financing
- human resources

- experience implementing complex business strategies and/or comprehensive city-building initiatives, including affordable housing, parks and public spaces, and cultural and recreational facilities
- understanding of the principles of public accountability, integrity, and inclusiveness

The Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, 2002 contains additional eligibility criteria

In addition to the eligibility requirements in the City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy, the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act provides that members of the public are ineligible for appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board if they are an employee of:

- the Government of Canada or one of its agencies;
- the Government of Ontario or one of its agencies; and/or
- the City of Toronto or one of its local boards.

There are currently three positions under consideration

The terms of the three public members appointed by City Council in June 2019 for a term ending June 20, 2022 are currently under consideration. The position of Chair is not under consideration at this time.

Public members serve three-year terms of office

The terms of office for this board are governed by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, which sets three year terms. Members do not continue to serve until successors are appointed. The members appointed through this process will serve terms ending June 15, 2025.

Public members receive remuneration

Board members receive a \$5,000 annual retainer, plus \$500 per diem for attending meetings. Board committee chairs receive a \$7,500 annual retainer, plus \$500 per diem for attending meetings. The chair receives a \$30,000 annual retainer, plus \$500 per diem for attending meetings.

Public Appointments staff consulted with Waterfront Toronto staff

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with Waterfront Toronto staff in the winter of 2022 to discuss the timeline for this process and how the board can support any challenges and opportunities facing Waterfront Toronto.

Outreach was conducted for these vacancies

The opportunity to join the Waterfront Toronto Board was shared through social media including LinkedIn and Twitter, the Public Appointments e-updates list, and networks of divisional partners who work with equity-deserving communities.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Nominating Panel – Corporations selects candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15 minute interviews. Nine interviews at 15 minutes each will take approximately two and half hours to complete.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Waterfront Toronto Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Diversity Information Summary of Current City of Toronto Public Appointees to the Waterfront Toronto Board