

Appointment of Public Members to the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

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To: Scarborough Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 20 - Scarborough Southwest; Ward 21 - Scarborough Centre; Ward 22 - Scarborough-Agincourt; Ward 23 - Scarborough North; Ward 24 - Scarborough-Guildwood; Ward 25 - Scarborough-Rouge Park

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

- Lorne Atkinson
- Matthew Gregor
- Douglas Grigg
- Joseph Guiyab
- Margaret Nelson
- Raymond Santiago

- Robert Saunders
- Rick Schofield
- Carole Whelan
- Patrick Wong

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 Scarborough Community Preservation Panel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held, February 10 and 11, 2015, City Council appointed 2 public members to the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel for a term of office ending November 30, 2018 and until successors are appointed:
Agenda Item History - 2015.SC3.3 (toronto.ca)

COMMENTS

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 Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

Heritage Preservation staff are recommending 10 candidates for appointment as public members to the Scarborough 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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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel
Confidential Attachment 1 - Applications and Summary of Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information for Recommended Candidates

ATTACHMENT 1

Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

1. Lorne Atkinson

Born 1943, raised on a farm at Birchmount and Eglinton. Attended Hough School 1949 to 1952. Moved to Parkcrest Drive in 1952, where I still reside. Attended West Hill CI, 1957 to 1962. Attended University of Toronto from 1962 to 1966 and obtained BAsC in Civil Engineering and 1967 to 1968 to obtain a MAsC in Environmental Engineering. Worked for Marshall Macklin Monaghan 1966 to 1983 then transferred to its international arm, Cansult Limited where I worked from 1983 until I retired in 2007.

2. Matthew Gregor

I have lived my entire life in Scarborough and consider it my home for life. This love of my home led me to take my interest in history and geography and apply it to the local level. Local stories are an important factor in community building and I am pleased to be one of the storytellers. My university education in history and geography helps to add the theoretical application of knowledge on top of the practical knowledge I've gained from living here and being involved in community issues.

3. Douglas Grigg

Infrastructure Real Estate professional; experienced in project management, negotiations, Scarborough resident for over 60 years.

4. Joseph Guiyab

A first generation Canadian, I have been fortunate to have been born and raised in Toronto. This appreciation of the City and country we live in has driven me to have a better understanding of the history that has shaped our home. I hope that in contributing to this panel, I will be able to assist in preserving that history for others to discover as I have.

5. Margaret Nelson

A graduate of Humber College, Diploma in Nursing Toronto, Canada. Certificate in Early Childhood Education from Nova University, Davie Florida. Certified instructor in adults and Pediatrics CPR. Using cultural competence to foster resilience amongst immigrants and refugees in the US and Canada. I have 46 years of volunteer experience in this city working within the Black Community also teaching English to immigrant children.

6. Raymond Santiago

I was born in Sri Lanka, Secondary Education at St Patrick's College Jaffna, Sri-Lanka, (Gd13). Worked as a Technical Assistant in state Cement Corporation for ten years. Worked in Bendel State Nigeria as a Shift Leader in a State owned Cement Corporation (Bendel Cement Company) for 8 years. In Canada, worked as a clerk at Seven Eleven stores for 10years. Granada Canada Ltd as a Legal Representative for 7 years, Toronto Police Service as a Court officer for 26 years. Licensed Paralegal and N.P.

7. Robert Saunders

I hold a MA in History having specialized in pre-Confederation Ontario and have always been interested and concerned about preservation of the signs of our past and the changes that have taken place in that past. I started my career as a high school teacher of history and before retirement was a senior executive in the Ontario Ministry of Education.

8. Rick Schofield

I was raised on a farm in Wexford, Scarborough and have spent my entire life in Scarborough, educated here and taught in Scarborough schools. In addition to my university degrees, I have taken numerous courses specialized in local history, archives management, care of collections, maintenance and conservation of heritage, heritage plaques, built heritage, restoration and adaptive reuse of such buildings, and public education. For these efforts, I have received several awards.

9. Carole Whelan

I am a retired history teacher who valued how local history is the way to connect to young people. Citizens need visual reminders within their community to start to appreciate from where this city has come, who built their community. Once a home or building has been razed, that community story will be forever lost. I have lived in Scarborough for over forty years.

10. Patrick Wong

I am interested in local history and cultural heritage issues in the old City of Scarborough. I am currently working as an urban planner with the City of Markham.