

## **Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board**

**Date:** February 22, 2022

**To:** Civic Appointments Committee

**From:** City Clerk

**Wards:** All

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual who is being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends the appointment of one public member to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidate listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending March 31, 2027 and until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct that the balance of confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting held June 15 and 16, 2022, City Council adopted the amended Toronto Atmospheric Fund Relationship Framework with the City, which included an amendment to Article 7.1 Composition of the Board, requiring that less than a majority of public members of the board shall be non-Toronto residents that live in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX33.8>.

At its meeting held July 14, 15 and 16, 2021, City Council appointed three candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 15, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA21.2>.

At its meeting held December 16, 2020, City Council appointed two candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2020.CA16.2>.

At its meeting held December 17, 2019, City Council appointed one candidate, a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending December 17, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA11.1>.

At its meeting held July 16, 17, and 18, 2019, City Council appointed three candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, including one as Chair, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA8.3>.

## COMMENTS

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### Composition of the TAF Board

The TAF Board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or designate
- 2 Members of Council
- 8 public members. Less than a majority of the public members of the board shall be non-Toronto residents that live in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, which

includes the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of York, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Halton, and the City of Hamilton.

### **There is currently one position under consideration**

This position is a result of one Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board member's term of office ending on November 4, 2022. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

### **Term of office**

The term of office for public appointees to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board is four years. Terms of office are staggered such that the terms of half the members expire every two years. No public member shall serve on the Board for more than two consecutive four-year terms.

The member appointed will serve a term of office ending March 31, 2027 and until a successor is appointed.

### **City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend a candidate to the Civic Appointments Committee**

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in investment oversight, grantmaking, corporate and non-profit governance, financial accountability, and environmental affairs.

To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity through a city-wide outreach campaign launched in early December 2022 to align as closely as possible with the new term of City Council. This recruitment includes online ads, the use of LinkedIn, Twitter, and outreach via the Public Appointments e-update list. The latter was shared with internal City partners, including the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit, the Indigenous Affairs Office, and Equity and Human partners to share with their networks.

In preparation for the recruitment process, City Clerk's staff consulted with Toronto Atmospheric Fund staff and the current board chair to understand which areas of expertise, experience, and skills would be valuable additions to the board. In addition to the Council-approved qualifications, it was suggested that candidates had skills or experience in strategic planning, public policy, investment oversight, grantmaking, corporate and non-profit governance, financial accountability, an understanding of capital markets, and/or technical building science expertise. Consideration was also given to reflecting geographical representation and diversity on the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted 4 candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Environment & Climate staff were asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise in environmental policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Project Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Management Consultant, Environment & Climate

The panel determined the final candidate by weighing candidate applications and interview performance.

### **Staff are recommending one candidate for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board**

Environment & Climate and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending one highly qualified candidate for appointment as a public member to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board. The candidate covers a range of City Council approved qualifications for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board with relevant knowledge and experiences.

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

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively have the following experience or knowledge:

- understanding of TAF's mandate and strategic opportunities for advancing urban low-carbon solutions and improving air quality, including: experience and knowledge of environmental affairs and other benefits associated with emission reduction
- experience with grantmaking, whether through involvement with public or private foundations, community trusts, or government grant programs or via securing and managing grants
- strategic planning expertise, including marketing and knowledge of demographic trends and behavioural science, and stakeholder engagement, which are key to program design, delivery, evaluation and continuous improvement
- other professional expertise including legal and accounting which would support TAF's problem-solving, accountability and good governance

In addition to the Council-approved qualifications, it was suggested by TAF staff and the current board chair that candidates had skills or experience in public policy, investment oversight, corporate and non-profit governance, financial accountability, an understanding of capital markets, and/or technical building science expertise.

### **Public release of names of recommended candidates**

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidate, Biography, Application and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board