

Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Exhibition Place Board

Date: May 17, 2023

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 Exhibition Place Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board. The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews at its next meeting and recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee select six of the candidates listed in Table 1 of Confidential Attachment 1 to be interviewed at its next meeting for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee 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 Exhibition Place Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held November 9-12, 2021, City Council appointed two public members to the Exhibition Place Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 10, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA24.2>

At its meeting held April 16-17, 2019, City Council appointed two public members to the Exhibition Place Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA5.4>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Exhibition Place Board

The Board of Governors consists of 9 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or the Mayor's designate appointed by City Council
- 4 Members of Council
- 4 members of the public

There are currently two positions under consideration

Two positions on the board are currently held by Peter Leon and Tess Romain, whose terms ended on April 16, 2023, and are continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public members is four years. Members will be appointed for a term of office ending July 21, 2027 and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Public members of the board shall have directorship and executive-level experience and collectively represent a range of skills, knowledge, and experience with one or more large organizations in the following areas:

- experience or interest in strategic planning

- specific expertise in one of the following areas: property management and development, finance, marketing, legal, public relations and communications, public/private enterprises, and human resources
- ability to devote time required for board meetings and for pre-meeting study and review of agenda and supporting material
- keen interest in and knowledge of trade and consumer show management and/or events management/entertainment industry
- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desired qualification for at least one citizen member

Public appointments staff have consulted with Exhibition Place Staff

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with Exhibition Place staff to discuss current board needs, emerging trends in Exhibition Place programs and services, and the appointments process.

Outreach was conducted

The opportunity to join the Exhibition Place Board was included as part of ongoing recruitment efforts. Targeted outreach for skilled and diverse candidates included social media including LinkedIn and Twitter, contacting professional associations and community organizations, and communication via the Public appointments e-updates list.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Civic Appointments Committee selects candidates, the City Clerk's Office will contact them to schedule their interviews. Six interviews at 15 minutes each plus deliberations will take approximately 2 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 Exhibition Place Board
Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Exhibition Place Board