

## **Appointment of Members of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee**

**Date:** June 21, 2023

**To:** Civic Appointments Committee

**From:** General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

**Wards:** All

### **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 Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends the appointment of 8 individuals to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the 8 individuals listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026, or until their mandate is completed, whichever comes first.
2. City Council direct that the balance of confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The Terms of Reference for the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee adopted by City Council on February 7 and 8, 2023 provide for an honorarium of \$125 per public member per meeting attended. Honoraria are not intended for public members who serve on the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee as representatives of organizations or businesses where they are employed.

Based on the anticipated frequency of meetings and the number of public members who may be eligible for honoraria, the financial impact to the City to provide honoraria for the public members of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee for the 2022 - 2026 term is estimated to be \$2,000 per year.

These costs are included in the 2023 Council Approved Operating Budget for the Economic Development and Culture Division and will be included in future years.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting held on February 7 and 8, 2023, City Council approved the re-establishment of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EX2.1>

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Mandate of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee**

The mandate of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is to provide advice to City Council on:

- a) Trends, projects and initiatives within Toronto's Francophone communities that can contribute to the city's social, economic and cultural vitality;
- b) Supporting the economic competitiveness and business growth of Francophone businesses and businesses supporting Francophone communities; and
- c) Opportunities for the City of Toronto to work with Toronto's Francophone communities to promote increased engagement in City initiatives.

The Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is a Council Advisory Body. It may not direct City staff or make binding decisions on behalf of Toronto City Council. Any advisory body recommendation that requires action by City officials or City Council

must first be considered by the appropriate Council Committee and, when necessary, approved by City Council.

### **Composition of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee**

The Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee will be composed of nine members. The members will consist of one Member of City Council and eight public representatives of Toronto's diverse Francophone communities – four representatives of relevant Francophone organizations and four individuals who have exhibited leadership in Toronto's Francophone cultural, business, community development or other sectors specifically related to the Advisory Committee's Mandate.

### **Term of Office**

The term of office for public members to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee is 4 years, coinciding with the term of City Council. Therefore, the public members appointed to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee would serve, at pleasure of Council for a term ending November 14, 2026. As per the Public Appointments Policy, the limit on length of service for any citizen is a maximum of 2 consecutive terms of 4 years, for a limit of 8 consecutive years.

### **How appointments to advisory bodies are governed**

The appointment of public members to the City's advisory bodies falls under the Public Appointments Policy. Members are appointed by City Council on recommendation of the Civic Appointments Committee for members of the public and Striking Committee for the members of City Council.

### **Diversity data for the recommended public members of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee**

Diversity data on the 8 recommended public and association board members, collected through the Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Survey which accompanies each application, is attached as Confidential Attachment 1.

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

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

## **CONTACT**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Qualifications, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee.