

Appointment of Public Members to the Exhibition Place Board

Date: October 31, 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 of Governors.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board of Governors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board of Governors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 16, 2027, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 to 6 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 October 5, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee considered Item 2023.CA8.3, and deferred the Item to the next meeting to allow the City Clerk to schedule additional candidate interviews:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA8.3>

At its meeting held May 30, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee selected six candidates for interview for the Exhibition Place Board at its July 6, 2023, meeting:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA6.1>

At its meeting held November 9, 10 and 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 members whose terms ended on April 16, 2023, though members continue 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 December 16, 2027 and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the board should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- 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.

Public release of names of the recommended candidates

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

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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 Summary of Current Members of the Exhibition Place Board

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview Schedule for October 5, 2023
Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview Questions for October 5, 2023
Confidential Attachment 5 - Interview Schedule for November 13, 2023
Confidential Attachment 6 - Board Matrix for the Exhibition Place Board