

Appointment of Public Members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors

Date: November 23, 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 Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of four public members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the public members listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027.
2. City Council direct that the balance of Confidential Attachment 1 and the entirety of Confidential Attachment 2 remain confidential as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 19, 2022, City Council appointed 1 public member to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2024, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CA29.1>

At its meeting held February 2, 2022, City Council appointed:

- 9 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2026, and until successors are appointed,
- 1 public member from the Aboriginal Community to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2026, and until a successor is appointed, and
- 7 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2024, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CA27.2>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Heritage Toronto Board

The board consists of 23 members and is composed of:

- The Mayor or a Council member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate
- 1 member of City Council
- 20 public members
- 1 public member from the Aboriginal community

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- broad interest in and knowledge of cultural, environmental or built heritage preservation, and a good understanding of current heritage issues
- expertise in fundraising and corporate partnerships
- expertise in good governance practices, including legal and accounting expertise
- an understanding of marketing, advertising and public relations
- expertise in public programming from experience in education, tourism, planning or museum management
- expertise in history

There are currently four positions under consideration

There are currently four positions under consideration, one is the result of the resignation of Leslie Thompson effective September 14, 2022. The other three positions are under consideration due to the terms of office which ended July 17, 2023, though members continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

Public members serve a four year term

The term of office on the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors is four years. Members appointed through this process will serve a term of office ending December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed.

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in law, accounting, philanthropy, fundraising, corporate partnerships, marketing, communications, technology, and public programming. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender and diversity representation on the Toronto Heritage Board.

The shortlisting and interview panel consisted of:

- Acting People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Director, Museum & Heritage Services

City Clerk's staff and the Director of Museum Services interviewed 8 candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. The Director of Museum Services was asked to participate on the panel based on their subject matter expertise and familiarity with Heritage Toronto's policy and programs.

The panel determined the final four candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending four candidates for appointment to the Toronto Heritage Board

The Director of Museum Services and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending four highly qualified candidates for appointment as a public member to the Heritage Toronto Board. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Heritage Toronto Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

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

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates, Biographies and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary, and Application for Appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors
Confidential Attachment 2 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors