

Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Date: November 21, 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board. The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews at its next meeting and recommend three public members and three representatives 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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee direct that Confidential Attachments 1-2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held November 8 and 9, 2023, City Council directed that the Civic Appointments Committee screen, interview and recommend candidates to City Council for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Directors:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.MM12.3>

At its meeting held July 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022, City Council appointed two stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 19, 2026, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.MM47.54>

At its meeting held July 14, 15 and 16, 2021, City Council appointed two members of the public to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 16, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA20.2>

At its meeting held July 16, 2019, City Council appointed three members of the public and five stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA8.5>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

The board consists of 15 members and is composed of:

- the Council member for Ward 13, Toronto Centre
- 5 public members
- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA nominated by the BIA
- 1 member nominated by Ryerson University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association
- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 1 employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 1 employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 2 City of Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights)

There are currently three public members and three stakeholder representative positions under consideration

Three public members positions and three stakeholder representatives positions had terms of office which ended July 16, 2023 and are continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

There are 5 stakeholder representative positions on the board. Currently the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area, local resident's association and Toronto Metropolitan University stakeholder representatives had terms ended in July 2023. The stakeholder organizations provide letters nominating a representative for consideration by the Civic Appointments Committee.

Term of office

The term of office for public members is four years. Members will be appointed for a term of office ending February 9, 2027 and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public and stakeholder group members should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills
- ability to work with people with diverse interests
- sound finance and administrative skills
- knowledge of economic and community development
- interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto

Public appointments staff have consulted with Yonge-Dundas Square Staff

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

Outreach was conducted

The opportunity to join the Yonge-Dundas Square Board was included as part of ongoing recruitment efforts. Targeted outreach for skilled and diverse candidates included social media including LinkedIn, 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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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board
Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board