

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

Date: November 28, 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 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend four candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend four candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1-4 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held April 16 and 19, 2019, City Council established the composition of the City's fourteen appointees to the TRCA Board as seven Council Members and seven public members; and directed that the majority of the public member candidates recommended by the Civic Appointments Committee be women: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CC6.1>.

At its meeting held July 16-18, 2019, City Council appointed seven members of the public to the TRCA Board for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA8.8>.

At its meeting held December 17 and 18, 2019, City Council appointed Xiao Han to the TRCA Board for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until a successor is appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA11.2>.

At its meeting held on December 15, 16 and 17, 2021, City Council appointed Joseph Ogilvie, pending approval of a composition exemption request from the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA26.2>. In March 2022, the City's request for an exception was denied and therefore the individual was not appointed to the board.

At its meeting held August 10, 2023, City Council appointed ten Council Members to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for a term ending December 31, 2024 and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.ST2.1>.

At its meeting held November 13, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee selected eight candidates for the TRCA Board: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA9.3>

COMMENTS

Composition of the TRCA

The board consists of 28 members and is composed of:

- 14 representatives from the City of Toronto appointed by City Council of which 10 are Council members and 4 are public members.
- 14 members representing the Regional Municipalities of Peel (5 members), Durham (3 members), and York (5 members), the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and the Town of Mono (1 member).

There are currently four positions under consideration

All four current public members of the TRCA Board were appointed to serve until July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the TRCA must demonstrate:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction
- flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the Authority's work
- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process
- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the Authority's programs, goals, and objectives.

The majority of public appointees to the TRCA should be women

City Council has directed that the majority of the candidates recommended for public appointment by the Civic Appointments Committee be women.

Term of Office

The term of office for public appointees to the TRCA is governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act* which states that "A member shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, as may be determined by the council that appoints the member."

The new appointees will serve on the TRCA board until December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed.

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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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

Confidential Attachment 2 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Candidates Selected for Interview

Confidential Attachment 3 - Skills Matrix for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview Schedule for December 4, 2023