

## **Appointments to Business Improvement Area Boards of Management and Technical Amendments to Schedule A of Municipal Code Chapter 19**

**Date:** December 19, 2022

**To:** Economic and Community Development Committee

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

**Wards:** Davenport, Don Valley East, Don Valley West, Eglinton-Lawrence, Humber River-Black Creek, Parkdale-High Park, Scarborough-Agincourt, Scarborough Centre, Spadina-Fort York, Toronto Centre, Toronto-Danforth, Toronto-St. Paul's, York Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to appoint directors to the Boards of Management of four (4) Business Improvement Areas (BIA) that fall within more than one Community Council boundary for the new term of Council and make necessary changes to Schedule A of the Municipal Code, Chapter 19.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council, in accordance with the City's Public Appointments Policy, appoint the following nominees to the Business Improvement Area Boards of Management set out below at the pleasure of Council, and for a term expiring at the end of the term of Council or as soon thereafter as successors are appointed:

DuKe Heights:  
Aronov, Vladislav  
Bortoletto, Lou  
Cunsolo, Marco  
Damjanovic, Bogdan  
Gelbloom, David  
Goldkind, Murray  
Hertzman, David  
Menceles, Andrew

Pliamm, Lew  
Punjani, Shafiq  
Rumanek, Jordan  
Serebryany, Carmela  
Tannous, Alaa

Fairbank Village:  
Greco, Gino  
Konietzny, Kurt  
Kremizes, Taso  
Mazzone, Damiano  
McBean, James  
Mian, Asad  
Nielsen, Lorol  
Sousa-Freire, Jessica  
Torrone, Enzo

Mount Pleasant Village:  
Antonio, Alyssa  
Cilla, Annalisa  
Fournier, Tanya  
Heller, Gregory  
Kutas, Matthew  
Lawrence, Corey  
Zammit, David

Uptown Yonge:  
Chang, Peter  
Kiru, John  
Lokash, Stephen  
McKeown, Kevin  
Miadens, Brent  
Pyatt, Eva  
Reshetnikova, Sofia  
Soong, Mathew

2. City Council direct that Schedule A of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, be amended by changing the number of members of the Fairbank Village Board of Management to eleven (11); changing the number of members of the Kennedy Road Board of Management to nine (9), number of Councillors to one (1) and wards to Ward 21, Scarborough Centre; changing the number of members of the Parkdale Village Board of Management to eleven (11), number of Councillors to one (1) and wards to Ward 4, Parkdale-High Park; changing the number of members of the Riverside District Board of Management to fourteen (14), number of Councillors to one (1) and wards to Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth; and changing the number of members of the Wexford Heights Board of Management to nine (9), number of Councillors to one (1) and wards to Ward 21, Scarborough Centre.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no current or known future year financial impacts arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

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 of June 29, 2020, City Council removed all standing directors from the Uptown Yonge BIA board of management and appointed an interim board of three directors.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.MM22.42>

At its meeting of June 29, 2020 City Council adopted a report entitled "Business Improvement Area Boundary Amendments" which recommended minor boundary adjustments to four BIAs to align with the new ward boundaries established in 2018.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EC13.4>

## COMMENTS

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According to Municipal Code Chapter 19, appointments to BIA Boards of Management expire with the term of Council. In an election year, BIAs are required to elect nominees for appointment for the next Board of Management term at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Community Councils have delegated authority over Board appointments for BIAs within their Community Council boundaries. Where BIA boundaries fall within more than one Community Council area, nominees are appointed by City Council.

There are eight (8) BIAs that fall within the geographic area of more than one Community Council whose boards are thereby appointed by City Council. To date, four (4) have held their 2022 Annual General Meetings and elected Boards of Management for the 2023-2026 Council term. The remaining four (4) BIAs will be included in a subsequent report.

Applications for Nomination have been provided to the BIA Office for each of the elected nominees in accordance with the Municipal Code. The nominees listed in Recommendation 1 meet the requirements for membership of a BIA Board as set out in Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code.

In some instances, the number of nominees elected by the BIA membership is fewer than the number of directors specified in Chapter 19, Schedule A, resulting in vacant

positions. The appointments to these vacant positions will be addressed in subsequent reports.

Council members are appointed by right-of-office to the boards of BIAs in their wards.

### **Uptown Yonge**

On June 29, 2020 Council adopted [MM22.42](#), which recommended removal of all standing directors from the Uptown Yonge BIA Board of Management and appointment of an interim board of three directors. The decision came in response to a number of governance and operational issues encountered by the BIA board.

The interim board included John Kiru, President of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), and Eva Pyatt, a former Director with the City of Toronto. Over the past two years the interim board has successfully engaged new volunteers and delivered a number of initiatives on behalf of the BIA.

At its recent AGM the membership of the Uptown Yonge BIA elected six (6) nominees to serve on the Board for the 2023-2026 term. It is recommended that City Council appoint John Kiru and Eva Pyatt, in addition to the six (6) elected nominees, to aid in the transition to a new board.

### **Fairbank Village**

The membership of the Fairbank Village BIA voted to increase the size of their Board of Management from seven (7) to eleven (11) directors, including two (2) Councillors. An amendment is required to Schedule A of Municipal Code Chapter 19 to change the number of directors.

### **Technical Amendments to Schedule A**

Councillors are appointed to the boards of BIAs that fall within their ward boundaries by right of office. New ward boundaries in 2018 resulted in certain situations where a Councillor was appointed to a BIA board based on small portion of land, with no commercially-assessed properties falling within their ward boundary.

A report entitled "[Business Improvement Areas Boundary Amendments](#)", adopted by City Council on June 29, 2020, made minor boundary amendments to four BIAs, Parkdale Village, Riverside District, Kennedy Road and Wexford Heights, to align BIA boundaries with new ward boundaries. The boundary amendments had the effect of reducing the number Councillors on each of these four (4) BIA boards from two (2) to one (1).

Although the Business Improvement Area maps in Schedule A of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, were replaced, the table which lists the number of members of Councillors serving on the boards, number of members of each BIA board, and the names of each ward was never amended. It is recommended that City Council approve amendments to the table contained in Schedule A to reflect the changes to these four (4) BIA boards.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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