

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM12.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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Re delegating Screening, Interviews, and Recommendations of Boards to the Civic Appointments Committee - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct that the Civic Appointments Committee screen, interview and recommend candidates to City Council for appointment to the TO Live Board of Directors and the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Directors.

Summary

In 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend certain public appointments to City Council through the Civic Appointments Committee. Two boards whose appointments process was delegated in this manner are the Yonge Dundas Square Board and the TOLive Board. I understand the rationale behind this decision and, at first glance, it seemed like a sensible direction to reduce the workload of the Civic Appointments Committee. However, having now served on the TOLive and Yonge-Dundas Square boards for the past year, I have come to appreciate the unique challenges and opportunities these high-profile boards present.

TOLive and Yonge-Dundas Square are not just any City assets - they are intrinsic parts of our city's identity. They are the beating heart of our cultural scene, the vibrant showcases of our community's collective spirit. They require uniquely dedicated attention, profile, and insight that I believe requires a more hands-on approach through the Civic Appointments Committee.

I am requesting that we reconsider City Council's past decision and delegate the authority for screening, interviewing, and recommending board members for TOLive and Yonge-Dundas Square to the Civic Appointments Committee. By doing so, I am confident that we can ensure these critical city assets are managed with the precise level of attention and profile they deserve.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM12.3