

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM13.5	ACTION			Ward: All
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Appointment of Public Member to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following candidate to the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026:

Sarah Farrell

Summary

The film and television production industry in Toronto contributes an annual production volume of \$2.6 billion, and employs 35,000 Torontonians. The success of this growing industry is predicated on having studio space to accommodate production.

Studios are the draw for international productions, and house the tens of thousands of jobs that exist in this sector. They are a foundational asset that drives industry capacity. The Toronto Film, Television, and Digital Media Board benefits greatly from having strong representation from studio operators.

Sarah Farrell is the General Manager and General Counsel at Pinewood Toronto Studios. She has worked with the studios since 2013, joining as full-time General Counsel and Director of Human Resources in 2018. Before becoming a lawyer, she worked for over 15 years on and off stage and screen with some of Canada's most influential arts and entertainment organizations, including the Canadian Broadcast Corporation, Mirvish Productions, SUN TV, the Canadian Stage Company and the Second City Toronto. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from Queen's University.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM13.5

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-241485.pdf>