

Appointment of Public Members to the Property Standards Committee

Date: September 14, 2023

To: Nominating Panel - Property Standards 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 Property Standards Committee.

SUMMARY

The Nominating Panel – Property Standards Committee will conduct interviews and recommend seven candidates to City Council for appointment to the Property Standards Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Nominating Panel – Property Standards Committee recommend seven public members to the Property Standards Committee to City Council for appointment for a term of office ending October 12, 2027, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 to 5 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Property Standards Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held September 11, 2023 the Nominating Panel - Property Standards Committee selected candidates for interviews at its next meeting:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.NP1.2>

At its meeting held July 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022, City Council appointed one public member for a term of office ending May 5, 2025, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CC47.10>.

At its meeting held November 9, 10 & 12, 2021, City Council appointed one public member for a term of office ending May 5, 2025 and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CC37.9>.

At its meeting held May 5 and 6, 2021, City Council appointed one public member for a term of office ending May 15, 2023 and until a successor is appointed and eight public members for a term of office ending May 5, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CC32.3>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Property Standards Committee

The committee is composed of 16 citizen members organized into four panels corresponding to the Community Council boundaries:

- Etobicoke York panel
- North York panel
- Scarborough panel
- Toronto and East York panel

There are currently seven positions under consideration

The current vacancy on the Scarborough Panel is the result of the resignation of Kiarash Kiai on April 18, 2023.

The other six positions under consideration are currently held by members whose terms ended May 15, 2023 though members continue to serve until successors are appointed. These positions include:

- Etobicoke York panel - 2 members
- North York panel - 1 member
- Scarborough panel - 1 member
- Toronto and East York panel - 2 members

Candidates selected for interview will be asked to indicate their panel preferences as part of that process.

Term of office

The candidates appointed to fill these vacancies will serve a term of office ending May 15, 2027, continuing to serve until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the Committee:

- bring an understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods and communities across the city
- have a concern for the health and safety of City residents
- have an understanding of the Building Code Act, Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards; building practices and tribunal processes
- have a clear understanding of the role of the committee
- not act as an agent for any appellant before the Property Standards Committee
- if possible, have previous experience as a member of a decision-making body
- be able to read and understand building plans, surveys and reports

Former Council members who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment as public members.

Members receive remuneration

All public members receive a full-day per diem of \$460 and half-day per diem (3.5 hours or less) of \$275 for hearings, business meetings and training sessions.

Each public member who is not the city-wide or a panel Chair will receive a stipend of \$1,500 per year, pro-rated on an annual basis from the time of appointment. The city-wide and Panel Chairs will receive an annual stipend of \$2,500, pro-rated on an annual basis from the time of appointment.

Public release of name of the recommended candidate

The names and biographies of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Nominating Panel - Property Standards Committee forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Property Standards Committee (previously circulated with item NP1.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Property Standards Committee (previously circulated with item NP1.2)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for September 28, 2023 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview questions for September 28, 2023 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 5 - Candidate preferences for panel assignments (to be circulated under separate cover)