

Public Appointments Process and Workplan for the Tribunals Nominating Panel

Date: April 18, 2023
To: Tribunals Nominating Panel
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the public appointments process and the 2023 workplan for the Tribunals Nominating Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Tribunals Nominating Panel receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held March 29 - 31, 2023, City Council appointed nine members of the public to the Tribunals Nominating Panel, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending March 31, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CC5.7>

At its meeting of February 26, 2019, City Council appointed seven public members to the Tribunals Nominating Panel, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending February 28, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CC3.5>

At its meeting of December 4, 5 and 13, 2018, City Council approved the establishment of a citizen member Tribunals Nominating Panel as part of the item on recalibrating City Council's governance system for 26 members:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CC1.1>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Tribunals Nominating Panel

The Tribunals Nominating Panel is composed of up to nine public members appointed by City Council on recommendation of the City Clerk.

Responsibilities of the Nominating Panel

The Tribunals Nominating Panel will screen, interview, and recommend candidates to City Council for appointment to the Administrative Penalty Tribunal, Committee of Adjustment, Compliance Audit Committee, Dangerous Dogs Review Tribunal, Property Standards Committee, Rooming House Licensing Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Sign Variance Committee, Toronto Licensing Tribunal, and Toronto Local Appeal Body.

Public Appointments Process for City Tribunals

The process for members of the public being appointed to City of Toronto quasi-judicial adjudicative boards (tribunals) is as follows:

- Staff in the City Clerk's Office conduct outreach and recruitment to attract diverse, highly-qualified applicants for these opportunities. Members of the public apply through the City of Toronto's public appointments homepage at www.toronto.ca/ShapeYourCity.
- Members of the Tribunals Nominating Panel review all applicants, and shortlists candidates for interview.
- The Panel conducts interviews and recommends candidates for appointment to City Council.
- City Council makes the final decision on the successful appointees.

A number of tribunals will be considered in 2023

In 2023, the Tribunals Nominating Panel is expected to consider appointments to a number of tribunals including:

- Administrative Penalty Tribunal
- Committee of Adjustment
- Multi-Tenant House Licensing Tribunal
- Property Standards Committee
- Sign Variance Committee
- Toronto Local Appeal Body

The timing of these process will depend on the availability of Nominating Panel members and the Council meeting schedule.

Public appointments to the Dangerous Dog Review tribunal are already under consideration and public appointments to the Toronto Licensing Tribunal were considered by City Council at its March 2023 meeting.

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