

Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

Date: December 27, 2023

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual who is being considered for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from the list of candidates interviewed at the December 4, 2023 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027, and until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 13, 14, and 15, 2023, City Council appointed 4 public members to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA10.2>

At its meeting held December 4, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee recommended that City Council appoint 4 candidates to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA10.2>

At its meeting held November 13, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee selected eight candidates to be interviewed at its next meeting for appointment to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA9.3>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board

The board consists of 28 members and is composed of:

- 14 representatives from the City of Toronto appointed by City Council including 10 Members of Council and 4 members of the public
- 14 members representing the Regional Municipalities of Peel (5 members), Durham (3 members), and York (5 members), the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and the Town of Mono (1 member).

There is currently one position under consideration

One position is under consideration due to Carissa Wong's withdrawal from the appointment process.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board must demonstrate:

- broad interest in, and knowledge of, conservation and the management of natural resources
- knowledge of the natural resources in the regions under the TRCA's jurisdiction

- flexible schedules for attendance at meetings, tours, special events, and other activities relating to the Authority's work
- ability to actively participate in the decision-making process
- interest in, and ability to, be an advocate of the Authority's programs, goals, and objectives.

Term of Office

The term of office for public appointees to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board is governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act* which states that "A member shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, as may be determined by the council that appoints the member."

The new appointee will serve on the board until December 15, 2027, and until a successor is appointed.

Public release of name of the recommended candidate

The name and biography of the recommended candidate will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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SIGNATURE

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – Applications of Candidates Interviewed for Appointment to the TRCA on December 4, 2023