

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Preservation Board

Date: January 3, 2024

To: Civic Appointments 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 Toronto Preservation Board.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of seven public members to the Toronto Preservation Board for a four-year term of office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the 7 candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Preservation Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term office ending February 9, 2028, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the balance of Confidential Attachment 1 and Confidential Attachment 2 in its entirety remain confidential as they relate to personal information about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Preservation Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 16, 17 and 18, 2019, City Council appointed seven members to the Toronto Preservation Board to serve a term ending July 23, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA8.4>

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend public appointments to the Toronto Preservation Board to City Council through the Civic Appointments Committee:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>.

COMMENTS

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend two candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment to the Toronto Preservation Board.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in architecture, archeology, planning and landscape architecture. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Staff also invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying and consideration was given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation. City Clerk's staff also consulted with Toronto Heritage Preservation Services staff.

A panel of staff from the City Clerk's Office and Toronto Heritage Preservation Services screened and shortlisted candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the 10 candidates. The panel consisted of:

- Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services, Infrastructure & Development Services
- Planner Heritage, Infrastructure & Development Services
- People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

The panel determined the final 7 candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Toronto Heritage Preservation Services and City Clerks staff are recommending seven highly qualified candidates for appointment to the board

Toronto Preservation Services and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending seven highly qualified candidates for appointment to Toronto Preservation Board (see Confidential Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications with the relevant knowledge and expertise.

Composition of the Toronto Preservation Board

The board consists of 12 members and is composed of:

- 1 member of City Council
- 7 public members
- 4 Chairs of the Toronto Community Preservation Panels or their designates

Public members should meet specific qualifications

Public members of the Toronto Preservation Board should collectively demonstrate a range of expertise in:

- Expertise in one of the following: architecture, archaeology, planning, landscape architecture, local history, natural heritage, land development and law
- Knowledge of cultural, environmental or built heritage preservation, and a good understanding of current heritage issues in the City of Toronto.
- An interest in City building and civic engagement.

Public members serve a four-year term

The term of office for public appointees to the Toronto Preservation Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending February 9, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names and biographies of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Qualifications, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Preservation Board
Confidential Attachment 2 - Full List of Applicants, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for the Toronto Preservation Board