

Appointment of Public Members to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Date: December 18, 2023

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 Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend three candidates, including the Chair, to City Council for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend three candidates to City Council for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending February 7, 2028, and until successors are appointed, and recommend one public member for appointment as Chair.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1 to 6 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 4, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee shortlisted 7 candidates for interview at its next meeting: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA10.4>

At its meeting held November 8 and 9, 2023, City Council directed that the Civic Appointments Committee screen, interview and recommend candidates to City Council for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Directors: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.MM12.3>

At its meeting held July 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022, City Council appointed two stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 19, 2026, and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.MM47.54>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

The board consists of 15 members composed of:

- the Council member for Ward 13, Toronto Centre
- 5 public members
- 2 members of the Downtown Yonge BIA nominated by the BIA
- 1 member nominated by Metropolitan Toronto University
- 1 member nominated by a local resident's association
- 1 member nominated by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 1 employee of the Toronto Parking Authority (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 1 employee of the Toronto Police Service (ex-officio, no voting rights)
- 2 City of Toronto staff (ex-officio, no voting rights)

There are currently three public members, including the Chair, and three stakeholder representatives under consideration

The three public members positions under consideration are due to terms of office which ended on July 16, 2023. One public member continues to serve until a successor is appointed, and two public members, Mike Fenton, Chair, and Jan Mollenhauer have resigned.

The three stakeholder representative positions under consideration include one member nominated by the Downtown Yonge BIA, one member nominated by Metropolitan Toronto University and one member nominated by a local resident's association. These

members' terms of office ended on July 16, 2023 and are continuing to serve until successors are appointed. The stakeholder organizations provide a letter nominating a representative for consideration by the Civic Appointments Committee.

Term of office

Public members appointed to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board will serve a four year term ending February 7, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the board should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- good communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills
- ability to work with people with diverse interests
- sound finance and administrative skills
- knowledge of economic and community development
- interest in the complexities and challenges of city-building in Toronto

Public appointments staff consulted with the Yonge-Dundas Square

Public Appointments staff consulted with the Yonge-Dundas Square staff to discuss the public appointments process and to learn more about Yonge-Dundas Square's strategic direction, emerging challenges and opportunities, and how this relates to the work of the board.

Public release of names of the recommended candidates

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

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Interview Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Summary of Current Members of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for January 12, 2024

Confidential Attachment 4 - Skills Matrix for the Yonge-Dundas Square Board