

Additional Vacancy and Appointment of Members Nominated by Organizations to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board

Date: January 9, 2024

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This is a supplementary report to provide the Civic Appointments Committee with the names of the candidates nominated for appointment to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board by the Metropolitan Toronto University and the Downtown Yonge BIA. One other member by a local resident's association is expected to be nominated for appointment at a future date. This supplementary report is also to inform the Civic Appointments Committee of an additional vacancy on the Yonge Dundas Square Board due to a recent resignation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one additional candidate 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 a successor is appointed.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee recommends City Council appoint Kim McDonald as the member nominated by the Metropolitan Toronto University and Sheila Jennings as the member nominated by the Downtown Yonge BIA, for a term of office ending February 7, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

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>

COMMENTS

Appointment of candidates nominated by the Toronto Metropolitan University and the Downtown Yonge BIA

The Toronto Metropolitan University and the Downtown Yonge BIA have provided letters to the Clerk with their nominees. The Toronto Metropolitan University has nominated Kim McDonald and the Downtown Yonge BIA has nominated Sheila Jennings for appointment to the Yonge Dundas Square Board, see Attachments 1 and 2 respectively.

There is one other stakeholder position under consideration. The composition of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board includes one member nominated by a local resident's association. This nomination is expected at a future date.

Different appointments process for stakeholder nominees

The appointment of stakeholder representatives to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board is governed by the Public Appointments Policy. Nominating organizations recommend candidates for appointment to the Civic Appointments Committee. The Civic Appointments Committee receives the nomination letters and City Council considers the appointments.

There is one additional public member position under consideration

There is an additional vacancy on the Yonge Dundas Square Board due to the resignation of Mei Burgin on January 8, 2024. As a result, the Civic Appointments Committee will consider appointments for four public member positions, including the Chair.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Letter from the Toronto Metropolitan University (November 20, 2023)

Attachment 2 – Letter from the Downtown Yonge BIA (December 12, 2023)