

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: February 15, 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 Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of four public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on March 22, 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 Atmospheric Fund Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held March 29, 30, 31, 2023, City Council appointed one candidate to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on March 31, 2027, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA4.4>

At its meeting held June 15 and 16, 2022, City Council adopted the amended Toronto Atmospheric Fund Relationship Framework with the City, which included an amendment to Article 7.1 Composition of the Board, requiring that less than a majority of public members of the board shall be non-Toronto residents that live in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX33.8>

At its meeting held July 14, 15 and 16, 2021, City Council appointed three candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 15, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA21.2>

At its meeting held December 16, 2020, City Council appointed two candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2020.CA16.2>

At its meeting held December 17, 2019, City Council appointed one candidate, a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending December 17, 2023, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA11.1>

At its meeting held July 16, 17, and 18, 2019, City Council appointed three candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, including one as Chair, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.CA8.3>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

The Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board consists of 11 members including:

- the Mayor or designate,
- 2 Members of City Council, and
- 8 public members.

Less than a majority of the public members of the board shall be non-Toronto residents that live in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, which includes the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of York, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Halton, and the City of Hamilton.

There are currently four positions under consideration

These positions are under consideration as a result of:

- 3 members whose terms of office ended on July 16, 2023; and
- 1 member whose term of office ended on December 17, 2023.

Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board is four years. The members appointed will serve a term of office ending March 22, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively have the following experience or knowledge:

- understanding of TAF's mandate and strategic opportunities for advancing urban low-carbon solutions and improving air quality, including: experience and knowledge of environmental affairs and other benefits associated with emission reduction
- experience with grantmaking, whether through involvement with public or private foundations, community trusts, or government grant programs or via securing and managing grants
- strategic planning expertise, including marketing and knowledge of demographic trends and behavioural science, and stakeholder engagement, which are key to program design, delivery, evaluation and continuous improvement
- other professional expertise including legal and accounting which would support TAF's problem-solving, accountability and good governance

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

The opportunity to join the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board was shared through the use of LinkedIn and outreach via the Public Appointments e-update list and internal City partners. Staff from Toronto Atmospheric Fund assisted with outreach to promote the opportunity to residents outside of Toronto.

In preparation for the recruitment process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the CEO of Toronto Atmospheric Fund. It was suggested that candidates with experience or

knowledge of board governance, chairing skills, strategic planning, legal, investments in technology and foundations, and government relations would be assets to the board. Also highlighted was the need to reflect demographic and geographic diversity on the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, including representation of non-Toronto residents.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and staff from Environment and Climate selected eight candidates for interview based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. One candidate withdrew from the process and seven candidates were interviewed. Environment and Climate staff were asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise in environmental policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Project Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Management Consultant, Environment & Climate

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

Staff are recommending four candidates for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

City Clerk's Office and Environment and Climate staff are recommending four highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board. These candidates cover a range of City Council approved qualifications for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board with relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - Recommended Candidates, Biographies, Applications and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Confidential Attachment 2 - Full List of Applicants, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board