

Appointment of a Public Member to the PortsToronto Board of Directors

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 PortsToronto Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. Civic Appointments Committee recommend one public member to City Council for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office starting April 2, 2024 and ending April 2, 2027 and until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 2, 2024, the Civic Appointments Committee selected four candidates to interview for appointment to the PortsToronto Board of Directors:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CA13.2>

At its meeting on April 7 and 8, 2021, City Council re-appointed Amanda Walton to the PortsToronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 1, 2024, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA18.3>

At its meeting on January 31 and February 1, 2018, City Council re-appointed Amanda Walton to the PortsToronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2021, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2018.CA19.2>

At its meeting on March 31, April 1, and 2, 2015, City Council appointed Amanda Walton to the PortsToronto Board of Directors, for a term of office ending on March 31, 2018 and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2015.CA4.2>

COMMENTS

PortsToronto is a Federal Public Authority

PortsToronto is a federal public authority that regulates navigation within the Toronto harbour, and owns and operates the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Marine Terminals 51 and 52 and the Outer Harbour Marina.

Composition of PortsToronto

The City of Toronto has one seat on the PortsToronto nine-member Board of Directors, composed of individuals appointed by all levels of government, including:

- one individual nominated by the federal Minister of Transport
- one individual appointed by the City of Toronto
- one individual appointed by the Province of Ontario
- six individuals nominated by the federal Minister of Transport in consultation with identified user groups, namely commercial, recreational, airport and port operations

There is currently one position under consideration

There is one position under consideration because the term of office of the current appointee, Amanda Walton, ends on April 1, 2024.

The public member will serve a three year term

Under the Canada Marine Act, directors are appointed to hold office for a term of not more than three years provided that not more than half of the directors' terms expire in the same year. Terms are renewable twice only, and a director shall serve no more than nine consecutive years on the board.

PortsToronto Board members must meet certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the eligibility requirements of the City's Public Appointments Policy, Section 16 of the Canada Marine Act contains specific eligibility requirements for directors of a port authority.

Members of the public are ineligible for appointment to the PortsToronto board if they are:

- an elected official of the municipal, provincial, or federal government or a member of the Senate;
- an employee or officer for the municipal, provincial, or federal government, provincial or federal Crown corporation, or a port authority;
- an individual who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
- a director, officer, or employee of a person who is a user of the Port of Toronto;
- an individual who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court; or
- an undischarged bankrupt.

In the application form, applicants were asked to indicate if any of these restrictions applied to them.

The City's appointee to the board should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, the City's public member should possess:

- recognized experience in one of the following areas: the transportation industry, the business community or legal
- an understanding of the City's interests

Board members receive remuneration

Remuneration is set and paid by PortsToronto.

Public release of name of 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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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Shortlisted Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the PortsToronto Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Skills Matrix of Candidates Selected for Interview

Confidential Attachment 3 – Interview Schedule for March 4, 2024