

Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto Preservation Board

Date: May 1, 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 one public member to the Toronto Preservation Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidate listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Preservation Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term office ending February 9, 2028, and until a successor is 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 on February 6 and 7, 2024, City Council appointed six members to the Toronto Preservation Board to serve a term ending February 9, 2028 and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CA12.1>

At its meeting held on January 12, 2024 the Civic Appointments Committee directed the City Clerk to conduct further outreach in Scarborough; and conduct additional interviews for appointment of public members to the Toronto Preservation Board and recommend candidates at a future meeting of the Civic Appointments Committee: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CA12.1>

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

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

There is currently one position under consideration

This position is under consideration as a result of one member whose term ended on April 14, 2024.

Term of office

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

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.

The City Clerk to recruits and recommends candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

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 candidate by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending one candidate for appointment

Toronto Preservation Services and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending one highly qualified candidate for appointment to Toronto Preservation Board, see Confidential Attachment 1. This candidate covers a range of City Council approved qualifications with the relevant knowledge and expertise.

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 – Recommended Candidate, Biography, and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for the Toronto Preservation Board

Confidential Attachment 2 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Preservation Board