

Appointment of Public Members to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

Date: July 9, 2024

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of public members to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, for a term ending on November 14, 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the public members recommended in Attachment 1 to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts to current or future budgets arising from this report. Honoraria costs for the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee are included in the Budget of the City Manager's Office.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 22, 2024, City Council adopted Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee and requested the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee review

and make recommendations for any amendments to the Advisory Committee's mandate or Terms of Reference no later than the end of 2025.

[Agenda Item History - 2024.EX14.9 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

On February 7, 2023, City Council re-established Council Advisory Bodies for the 2022 to 2026 term and requested the City Manager and the City Clerk to report back on the findings from the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee governance review.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EX2.1>.

COMMENTS

In February 2023, City Council, in response to Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee members' questions and concerns about the structure and procedures of the committee during the previous term, directed a governance review of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee and engagement with the Indigenous community before adopting its Terms of Reference. In May 2024, City Council adopted Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee so that the Advisory Committee could resume meeting as soon as possible and consider pressing issues and longer-term changes.

The Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee will resume meeting according to Council's existing rules that are applied to Council Advisory Bodies (CABs) and the Council-adopted Terms of Reference, which will apply until such time as amendments are proposed to Council by the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee (no later than the end of 2025).

Mandate

The mandate of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee is to:

- provide advice to City Council on the elimination of barriers faced by Indigenous peoples including barriers related to City by-laws, policies, programs and service delivery;
- act as a liaison with external bodies on barriers to the participation of Indigenous peoples in public life; and
- advance the achievement of social, cultural, economic and spiritual wellbeing of Indigenous peoples.

Composition

The Committee will be composed of up to 25 public members and one Member of City Council. Given the experience of the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC) with past Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committees and its connections in community, the public members will be representatives of member agencies of TASSC and Indigenous organizations identified by the City and/or TASSC (as approved by City Council - [2024.EX14.9](#)).

Appointment Process

The public members recommended in Attachment 1 to this report have been nominated by TASSC. The City Manager's Office recommends these nominations to the Civic Appointments Committee for appointment by City Council. Striking Committee will recommend the Member of Council for appointment.

The City acknowledges the diversity of the Indigenous community and the valuable perspectives offered by many organizations and community members. It is anticipated that the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee will engage other Indigenous community members and organizations through its networks, in discussions with the community and at its meetings, and that the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee will consider such input in any recommendations to Council to amend its mandate or Terms of Reference.

Term of Office

The term of office for public members to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee coincides with the term of City Council, therefore the public members appointed to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee would serve a term ending November 14, 2026, and until successors are appointed.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - List of Recommended Public Members for Appointment to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.