

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Local Appeal Body

Date: January 15, 2024

To: Nominating Panel - Toronto Local Appeal Body

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 Local Appeal Body.

SUMMARY

The Nominating Panel – Toronto Local Appeal Body will conduct interviews and recommend six candidates to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Nominating Panel – Toronto Local Appeal Body recommend six public members to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body for a term of office ending February 9, 2028, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 to 4 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held January 10, 2024, the Nominating Panel - Toronto Local Appeal Body shortlisted twelve candidates for interview at its next meeting:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.XV1.2>

At its meeting held July 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2022, City Council appointed four members of the public to the Toronto Local Appeal Body, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on July 16, 2026, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CC47.11>

At its meeting held April 6, 2022, City Council increased the size of the Toronto Local Appeal Body from ten members to fourteen members, including the Chair and Vice-Chair: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.PH32.2>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Local Appeal Body

The Toronto Local Appeal Body consists of 14 public members, including a Chair and Vice Chair.

There are currently six positions under consideration

The six positions under consideration are the result of:

- The resignation of Paula Turtle on December 12, 2022,
- The resignation of Christine Kilby on January 31, 2023,
- The resignation of Sean Karali on May 7, 2023,
- The resignation of Sabnavis Gopikrishna on May 16, 2023,
- One public member whose term ended December 13, 2022, and
- One public member whose term ended December 31, 2023.

Term of office

The term of office for public members is four years. The six candidates appointed will serve until February 9, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

Under the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, members are also required to continue beyond their term of office or resignation date to complete hearing any matters of which they are seized, and members may continue beyond their term of office until such time as sufficient numbers of incoming new members have completed any mandatory orientation and training.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Members should collectively bring the following skills and expertise to the committee:

- Experience in adjudication and mediation;
- Knowledge and experience with land use planning and planning law;
- Excellent listening skills and ability to analyze complex evidence;
- Sound judgement, tact, fairness and decorum;
- Ability to write clearly and concisely;
- Demonstrated high ethical standards and integrity;
- Ability to work under pressure to ensure timely hearing decisions; and
- Respect for access to justice, diversity and accommodation.

Members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members of the Toronto Local Appeal body must meet these criteria:

- Cannot be a member of Toronto's Committee of Adjustment, a land division committee, or planning advisory committee member;
- Former Members of Council who served in the immediately preceding term of Council are ineligible for appointment; and
- Members cannot act as agents for applicants before the Committee of Adjustment, Toronto Local Appeal Body and other City administrative tribunals and would be required to resign from the TLAB before doing so.

Members receive remuneration

Members of the Toronto Local Appeal Body receive:

- \$600 per diem for full day hearings or mediation, business meetings and training sessions
- \$400 for a half day hearings or mediation, business meetings and training sessions (less than 3.5 hours)
- \$400 for a written decision

In addition to receiving per diem, the Chair shall receive an annual stipend of \$60,000, the Vice Chair shall receive an annual stipend of \$15,000 and public members shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,500.

Public release of names of the recommended candidates

The names and biographies of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Nominating Panel - Toronto Local Appeal Body forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Interview of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Local Appeal Body

Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Toronto Local Appeal Body

Confidential Attachment 3 - Toronto Local Appeal Body - Completed Assignments from Applicants Selected for Interview

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview schedule for January 29, 2024