

Appointment of Interim Controller

Date: March 12, 2024

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend to City Council the appointment of an Interim Controller.

This is a time sensitive matter as the current Controller, Andrew Flynn, retired from the City of Toronto effective March 12, 2024 and an interim appointment must be in place before the next Council meeting, currently scheduled for April 17, 18 and 19, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint David McIsaac as the Interim Controller, and in turn to the statutory office of Deputy Treasurer of the City of Toronto, for the purposes of section 138 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 effective the latter of March 22, 2024 or such date when David McIsaac enters into an employment contract for the position of Interim Controller and until such time as a new Controller has been appointed.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary by-laws to give effect to City Council's decision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report beyond what has already been included in the 2024 Council Approved Operating Budget for the Office of the Controller.

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

DECISION HISTORY

The current Controller, Andrew Flynn, retired from the City of Toronto, effective March 12, 2024.

This report seeks Council authority to appoint an interim Controller to ensure continuity in the position prior to the appointment and effective start date of the next Controller.

COMMENTS

The current Controller, Andrew Flynn, retired from the City of Toronto effective March 12, 2024.

This report seeks Council authority to appoint David McIsaac, currently the Executive Director, Finance & Shared Services, to the position of Interim Controller until such time as a new Controller is appointed. Pursuant to subsection 138(2) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA), the City may appoint one or more deputy treasurers who shall have all the powers and duties of the treasurer under COTA or under any other Act. Pursuant to section 169-3.3 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, City, the Controller is appointed as the statutory deputy treasurer of the City.

A competitive recruitment process is underway to appoint a new Controller. The City is working with an executive recruitment firm to fill this position permanently. It is anticipated that a recommendation for a permanent appointment will be brought forward to City Council in the third quarter of 2024. When recommending the appointment of the permanent Controller, as with all Council appointed positions, City staff will provide details about the hiring process including selection of the executive recruitment firm, position qualifications and assessment criteria, composition and volume of candidates, composition of the selection panel, and a summary of qualifications of the recommended candidate.

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