

Appointment of a Public Member to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

Date: April 2, 2024

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

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

Currently, the [Terms of Reference \(TOR\)](#) for the Committee states that the public members will be representatives of member agencies of the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC) and representatives of Indigenous organizations identified by the City and/or TASSC. The public members will be nominated by the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC) and recommended to the Civic Appointments Committee through the City Manager for appointment by City Council. The nomination contained in Attachment 1 to this report, has followed this process.

The Committee currently has 17 public members and one Member of City Council. The current TOR states that the Committee will be composed of up to 25 public members and one Member of City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend the public member recommended in Attachment 1 to City Council, for appointment 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 October 10, 2024, City Council appointed Deputy Mayor McKelvie to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

[Agenda Item History - 2024.MM22.33](#)

On July 25, 2024 City Council appointed 19 public members to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, for a term of office ending November 14, 2026.

[Agenda Item History - 2024.CA17.1.](#)

On May 22, 2024, City Council adopted Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee and requested that the Committee review and make recommendations for any amendments to its mandate or Terms of Reference no later than the end of 2025.

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

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.

[Agenda Item History - 2023.EX2.1.](#)

COMMENTS

In February 2023, City Council re-established an Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee for the 2022 to 2026 Council term and requested the City Manager and the City Clerk to report back on the findings from the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee governance review, including proposed Terms of Reference for this body. City Council also requested City Staff offer an opportunity to members of Indigenous communities to provide their input to the governance review of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee. In May 2024, City Council adopted Terms of Reference for the Committee - this enabled the Committee to resume meeting and consider pressing issues and longer-term changes.

The Committee has resumed 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 Committee (no later than the end of 2025).

Composition

According to the current Terms of Reference, the Committee will be composed of up to 25 public members and one Member of City Council. Given the experience of 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.

Appointment Process

Public members are nominated by TASSC and recommended to the Civic Appointments Committee through the City Manager, for appointment by City Council. The public member recommended for appointment in Attachment 1, has been selected according to this process.

Term of Office

The term of office for public members of the Committee coincides with the term of City Council, therefore the public members appointed to the Committee will serve a term ending November 14, 2026.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Information on Public Member Nomination for Appointment to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.