

Council Member Appointments to Fill Vacancies on Committees, Boards and External Bodies

Date: October 8, 2025
To: Striking Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend to City Council the appointment of Council Members to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee, Budget Committee, Striking Committee, Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee, Board of Health, Toronto Preservation Board, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Board, and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Striking Committee consider Members' preferences and recommend to City Council the appointment of Council Members to fill vacancies on the committees, boards and external bodies listed in Attachment 1 for a term of office until November 14, 2026, and until successors are appointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on October 8 and 9, 2025, appointed Councillor Neethan Shan to the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.MM33.39>

The Striking Committee, at its meeting on April 7, 2025, referred Item 2025.ST8.1 to the City Clerk and directed the City Clerk to conduct a new canvass of Members of Council

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for their interest in membership on the Board of Health, and bring it forward to the next meeting of the Striking Committee.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.ST8.1>

The Striking Committee, at its meeting on April 7, 2025, referred Item 2025.ST8.4 to the City Clerk and directed the City Clerk to conduct a new canvass of Members of Council for their interest in membership on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors, and bring it forward to the next meeting of the Striking Committee.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.ST8.4>

City Council, at its meeting on December 17 and 18, 2024, appointed Council Members to committees, Council advisory bodies, boards and external bodies at the mid-point of the Council term.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.ST7.1>

City Council, at its meeting on November 13 and 14, 2024, appointed Members of Council to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CC23.2>

City Council, at its meeting on October 9 and 10, 2024, appointed Councillor Jennifer McKelvie to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MM22.33>

COMMENTS

A number of vacancies have arisen on Council's decision bodies since the mid-term appointments of December 2024.

Executive Committee

The composition of the Executive Committee includes the Mayor, the Deputy Mayors, the Standing Committee Chairs, the Budget Committee Chair, and one at-large Member of Council. If the Mayor appoints a Deputy Mayor as standing committee chair, City Council appoints a second at-large member.

Following the May 9, 2025, resignation of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, who had been both the Chair of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee and Deputy Mayor for Scarborough, Mayor Chow, on May 21, appointed Councillor Paul Ainslie as Deputy Mayor for Scarborough and Councillor Paula Fletcher as Chair of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

As Councillor Ainslie is also a committee chair, the number of at-large positions on the Executive Committee remained 2. One of these positions had been held by Councillor Fletcher, and became vacant with her appointment as a committee chair.

Budget Committee

The composition of the Budget Committee is six Members of Council, including a Chair and a Vice-Chair appointed by the Mayor.

There is one vacancy on the Committee, resulting from the resignation of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, effective May 9, 2025.

Striking Committee

The composition of the Striking Committee is five Members of Council, including a Chair and a Vice-Chair appointed by the Mayor.

There is one vacancy on the Committee, resulting from the resignation of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, effective May 9, 2025.

Board of Health

The composition of the Board of Health includes 6 Members of Council, 6 members of the public and 1 education representative.

There is one Council Member vacancy resulting from the resignation of Councillor Parthi Kandavel, effective February 11, 2025.

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

The composition of the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee includes one Member of Council.

There is a vacancy in the Council Member position resulting from the resignation of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, effective May 9, 2025.

Toronto Preservation Board

The composition of the Toronto Preservation Board includes one Member of Council.

There is a vacancy in the Council Member position resulting from the resignation of Councillor Brad Bradford, effective January 3, 2025.

Toronto Symphony Orchestra Board

The composition of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra Board includes one Member of Council.

There is a vacancy in the Council Member position resulting from the resignation of Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, effective May 9, 2025.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The composition of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors is 28 members appointed by the respective councils of participating municipalities, of which 14 are from the City of Toronto and include 10 Members of Council and 4 public members.

There are three Toronto Council Member vacancies on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors, resulting from the resignations of Councillor

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Brad Bradford, effective January 3, 2025, Councillor Jon Burnside, effective January 29, 2025, and Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, effective May 9, 2025.

The City Clerk has Canvassed Members for their Interest

The City Clerk has canvassed Members for their interest in appointment to fill the current vacancies. Members' responses have been summarized in Attachment 1.

The canvass included vacancies on the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo, which have since been filled.

City Council, at its meeting on October 8 and 9, 2025, appointed Councillor Neethan Shan to the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Members' preferences for appointment to committees, boards and external bodies