

Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Exhibition Place Board

Date: February 18, 2026

To: Civic Appointments Committee

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 Exhibition Place Board.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee must select candidates to interview for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board. Following the interviews, the Civic Appointments Committee will recommend two candidates for appointment to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee select six of the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 for interview at its next meeting for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee direct that Confidential Attachments 1a, 1b, and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Exhibition Place Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 13, 14 and 15, 2023, City Council appointed two public members to the Exhibition Place Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 16, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.CA24.2>

At its meeting held November 9-12, 2021, City Council appointed two public members to the Exhibition Place Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 10, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA9.1>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Exhibition Place Board

The Exhibition Place Board consists of seven members, including a Chair. There are six public members and one member is the City Treasurer appointed under the *City of Toronto Act*.

There are currently two positions under consideration

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Term of office

The term of office for public members is four years. The public members will be appointed for a term of office ending March 29, 2030 and will continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Board members should meet certain Council-approved qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, public members of the board should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- experience or interest in strategic planning
- specific expertise in one of the following areas: property management and development, finance, marketing, legal, public relations and communications, public/private enterprises, and human resources

- ability to devote time required for board meetings and for pre-meeting study and review of agenda and supporting material
- keen interest in and knowledge of trade and consumer show management and/or events management/entertainment industry
- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desired qualification for at least one citizen member

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for appointment to the board, public members must meet the eligibility requirements in the City's Public Appointment Policy, including:

- Must be a resident of the city of Toronto;
- Must be at least 18 years old;
- Cannot be a spouse, partner, child or parent of a Member of Toronto City Council;
- Cannot be a City employee or an employee of a City agency or corporation.

Board members receive no remuneration

No remuneration is paid to public members appointed to the Exhibition Place Board.

We have consulted with Exhibition Place staff

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the Chief Executive Officer of Exhibition Place. It was recommended that marketing, public relations and communications; and strategic planning would be assets to the board.

Outreach was conducted for this position

The opportunity to apply to the Exhibition Place Board was shared externally through professional organizations, LinkedIn and the PA e-subscribers list. The opportunity was also shared with internal City partners including the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit, the Indigenous Affairs Office, and People and Equity to promote broadly through their networks.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Civic Appointments Committee has selected candidates to interview, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15-minute interviews. Six interviews at 15 minutes each plus deliberations will take approximately two hours to complete.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1a – List of Eligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Exhibition Place Board

Confidential Attachment 1b – List of Ineligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Exhibition Place Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Confidential Diversity Information Summary for Current Members of the Exhibition Place Board