

Appointment of Public Members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors

Date: June 1, 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 Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of eight public members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the following candidates as public members to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on June 26, 2030, and until successors are appointed:

Candidate HTB2-309

Candidate HTB2-337

Candidate HTB2-340

Candidate HTB2-342

Candidate HTB2-353

Candidate HTB2-360

Candidate HTB2-363

2. City Council appoint Candidate HTB2-372 to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors, as a public member from the Indigenous Community, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on June 26, 2030, and until a successor is appointed.

3. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1, 2, and 3 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held July 23 and 24, 2025, City Council amended the composition of the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors by reducing the number of public members from 21 to 11, effective immediately, so that the overall composition of the Board would be reduced from 23 members to 13 members as follows:

- the Mayor or a Council Member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate;
- 1 Member of City Council;
- 10 public members; and
- 1 Member of the Indigenous community:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EX25.18>

At its meeting held December 13, 14, and 15, 2023, City Council appointed 4 public members to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 15, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA10.1>

At its meeting held July 19, 2022, City Council appointed 1 public member to the Heritage Toronto Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 4, 2024, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CA29.1>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Heritage Toronto Board

The Board consists of 13 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or a Council member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate
- 1 Member of Council
- 10 members of the public
- 1 public member from the Indigenous community

There are currently eight positions under consideration

One position is under consideration due to the resignation of Melissa Nugegoda effective March 9, 2026. Seven positions are under consideration due to the following members' terms ending on February 4, 2026, and until successors are appointed:

- Christopher Castellano
- Liza Chalaidopoulos
- Dilys Chan
- Bradley Evoy
- Peter Ignazi
- Jeff Junke
- Suzanne Kavanagh

Term of office

The term of office for public members is four years. The member will be appointed for a term of office ending June 26, 2030 and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain 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:

- broad interest in and knowledge of cultural, environmental or built heritage preservation, and a good understanding of current heritage issues
- expertise in fundraising and corporate partnerships
- expertise in good governance practices, including legal and accounting expertise
- an understanding of marketing, advertising and public relations
- expertise in public programming from experience in education, tourism, planning or museum management
- expertise in history

The City Clerk recruits and recommends candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

The opportunity to join the Heritage Toronto Board was shared through the use of LinkedIn, X, outreach via the Public Appointments e-update list, and via internal City partners. The opportunity was also shared through professional and community organizations.

In preparation for the recruitment process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the Executive Director of Heritage Toronto as well as the Board Chair. In addition to the Council-approved qualifications, it was suggested that candidates with skills or experience in public education regarding heritage issues, as well as liaising with the heritage community and promoting public awareness of the City's heritage resources

would be an asset. Also highlighted was the need to reflect demographic and geographic diversity on the Heritage Toronto Board.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office, staff from Economic Development and Culture and the outgoing Heritage Toronto Board Chair, selected and interviewed 17 candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Staff from Economic Development and Culture were asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise in the City's arts and culture programs. The outgoing Chair was asked to participate in the process as an interim measure to support transition to the reduced composition from 23 to 13 public members. The Chair was not eligible to be considered for re-appointment.

The panel consisted of:

- People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Director Arts & Culture, Community & Social Services
- Outgoing Chair of the Heritage Toronto Board

The panel determined the final candidates by weighing candidate applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending eight candidates for appointment to the Heritage Toronto Board of Directors

City Clerk's Office and Economic Development & Culture staff are recommending eight highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Heritage Toronto Board. These candidates cover most of the City Council approved qualifications for the Heritage Toronto Board with relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public release of names of the recommended candidates

The names and biographies of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendation to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Biographies, Applications and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information for the Heritage Toronto Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Full List of Applicants, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for the Heritage Toronto Board

Confidential Attachment 3 – Diversity Summary of Current Members of the Heritage Toronto Board