

Appointment of Interim City Solicitor

Date: July 22, 2026
To: City Council
From: City Manager
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidate identified in the Confidential Attachment 1 to the position of City Solicitor on an interim basis effective September 8, 2026, until such time a permanent City Solicitor for the City of Toronto is appointed.
2. City Council authorize the public release of the name and curriculum vitae summary of the Interim City Solicitor contained in Confidential Attachment 1, upon adoption of the appointment by City Council.

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 2026 Council Approved Operating Budget for Legal Services.

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

DECISION HISTORY

Under Chapter 169 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code the City is required to appoint a City Solicitor for the City of Toronto.

Wendy Walberg, currently the City Solicitor will be retiring from the City on September 7, 2026.

COMMENTS

This report seeks City Council authority to appoint the candidate identified in the Confidential Attachment 1 Interim City Solicitor effective September 8, 2026, until such time a permanent City Solicitor for the City of Toronto is appointed.

A competitive recruitment process will be underway to appoint a new City Solicitor. It is anticipated that a recommendation for a permanent appointment will be brought forward to City Council in the first quarter of 2027. When recommending the appointment of the permanent City Solicitor, 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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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - Curriculum Vitae