

Appointment of Members to TAF's Grants and Programs Committee

Date: October 20, 2026
To: Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund
From: Chief Executive Officer

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable people.

SUMMARY

This report recommends appointment of two members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund's Grants and Programs Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund:

1. Establish the composition of the Grants and Programs Committee as nine members, and appoint the individuals listed in Confidential Attachment 1 as members.
2. Instruct the City Clerk to make the appointee names public once appointed by the Board, and direct that the balance of Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it deals with personal matters about identifiable people.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Terms of Reference for the Grants and Programs Committee were approved by the Board July 13, 2026. (<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.TA15.11>)

On July 13, 2022, the TAF Board Approved By-law No.1-2022, which repeals and replaces the former Amended and Restated By-law Number 1. By-law No. 1-2022, Article 4 gives TAF's Board the authority to set the membership and terms of reference for the committees, subject to the requirements outlined in the By-law.
(<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agendaitem.do?item=2022.TA18.10>)

COMMENTS

The Grants and Programs Committee (GPC) provides strategic guidance on TAF's granting and social mobilization activities, reviews incubation program goals and outcomes, and offers advice in support of TAF's mandate. Under the Committee's Terms of Reference, the GPC consists of between six and eleven members. Current composition is members, including two TAF Directors (indicated by *):

- Chair: Dan Zilnik*, Partner at EY Canada
- Ali Hoss, Chief Sustainability Officer at Triovest
- Kirk Johnson, President at Eco-Efficiency Consulting
- Mike Layton, Vice President of Philanthropy, Corporate & Community Partners at Second Harvest
- Elizabeth McCallion, Executive Director at Peter Gilgan Foundation
- Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director at Toronto Community Benefits Network
- Lindsay Wiginton, Managing Consultant at Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors

TAF recently conducted an open recruitment process to expand the Committee's membership. Applications from 35 individuals were received with a diverse range of skills, experiences, and perspectives relevant to the Committee's work. Candidates were evaluated against the Committee's current and anticipated needs, including expertise relevant to granting, philanthropy, community engagement, climate action, and social impact.

Following application review, interviews, and discussions with the Committee Chair, two candidates are recommended for appointment who complementary experience and expertise aligned with the Committee's mandate.

Several current committee terms will be up for renewal in 2027. TAF may also need to fill an additional vacancy should a current committee member be elected to City Council. To support succession planning and stagger appointments, TAF intends to retain the current candidate pool for consideration for future appointments.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1: Appointee Profiles