

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

DESIGN REVIEW PANEL



CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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City of Toronto Design Review Panel

The Design Review Panel is an advisory body comprised of private sector design professionals who provide independent, objective advice to City staff aimed at improving matters of design that affect the public realm. This includes matters such as preserving the uniqueness of place, maintaining vitality, ensuring comfort and safety, and making new development compatible with its surroundings.

The Design Review Panel is currently seeking new members who can fill the following roles:

- **Indigenous Design Expert**
- **Landscape Architect**
- **Urban Designer**
- **Sustainability Specialist**
- **Transportation Specialist**
- **Architect**

Mandate of the Panel

The Design Review Panel's mandate is to provide objective, professional advice to City Planning staff about proposed public and private development, and new urban design policy. The role of the Panel is to advocate for the highest quality design outcomes for the citizens of Toronto. Established in 2007, the Panel has become a significant forum for achieving design excellence within our City.

For additional information on the Panel please visit:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/outreach-engagement/design-review-panel/>

Term of office

The term of office is approximately 3 years.

Time Commitment

The Panel meets during regular business hours usually 12 times per year, and up to 15 times per year. Each meeting is approximately 5.5 hours long with an average of 3-4 projects reviewed.

In seeking appointment to the Panel, applicants acknowledge that they will be able to attend the majority of Panel meetings.

COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, all Panel meeting will be held virtually via WebEx until it is safe to resume in-person meetings at Toronto City Hall.

Remuneration

Panel members serve on an unpaid, voluntary basis, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while conducting Panel-related activities (e.g. parking expenses).

Eligibility and Qualifications

For all member positions the Panel is seeking applications from design professionals with relevant experience and qualifications, including from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of colour) design professionals and design professionals from equity deserving groups.

Indigenous Design Expert

Applicants must be an architect or a landscape architect and be able to provide expertise and a perspective on Indigenous design concepts and culture including experience integrating Indigenous history, language, culture, and ways of knowing and being into the design process. Applicants should have knowledge of and experience working with Indigenous communities in and around Toronto.

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Eligibility and Qualifications continued

Landscape Architect

Applicants must have a track record of high quality design and place-making within the natural and built environment.

Urban Designer

Applicants must be an architect or landscape architect, and have experience in larger scale projects and/or studies.

Sustainability Specialist

Applicants must have considerable experience in delivering sustainable communities, green buildings, places and infrastructure for new private and public development.

Transportation Specialist

Applicants must be an engineer and have considerable expertise in providing sustainable and environmentally progressive transportation or building site design advice.

Architect

Applicants must have considerable experience in designing contextually-sensitive buildings and a range of experience in buildings of varying scales and large scale site plans.

In addition, all applicants must satisfy the following general requirements:

- Minimum 15 years relevant professional experience, and membership in a related professional association.
- Design excellence demonstrated in built projects and urban design.

- Ability to provide independent advice to City staff with objectivity and integrity.
- Ability to provide constructive comments and communicate complex design issues to a variety of audiences including staff, design professionals, and developers.
- Understanding of the municipal planning system and development economics.
- Ability to attend the majority of Panel meetings.
- In order to have the ability to provide sound advice to City staff and Council in this public forum, Panel members should avoid participating as LPAT witnesses in litigation against the City. Panel members will avoid reviewing projects with conflicts-of-interest with financial or other benefits, as per policies.

How and When to Apply

By **Friday February 26, 2021 at 4pm**, candidates should submit the following:

1. A cover letter and CV summarizing their qualifications, experience, and briefly explain why they are interested in participating.
2. All project addresses for OMB/LPAT hearings where testimony has been given.

Submissions should be sent via email to:

Meredith Vaga, Urban Designer at meredith.vaga@toronto.ca

Selected candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview with City staff; all applications will be kept on record for 12 months and could be reviewed as future positions become available.