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Mayor Ford appoints nomination panel to select citizen members to TCHC Board

Mayor Rob Ford has appointed Councillor Paul Ainslie (Ward 43 Scarborough East), Mary L. Flynn-Guglietti and Bahadur Madhani as the nomination panel to select the citizen members of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) Board.

The three-member nomination panel was selected by the Mayor to assist in the recruitment to fill the seven citizen vacancies on the TCHC Board. The panel will review all applications and will conduct an extensive interview process. Mayor Ford will present their recommendations to City Council at its June 14 meeting.

"I am pleased to announce Councillor Paul Ainslie, Mary L. Flynn-Guglietti and Bahadur Madhani as the three members of the nomination panel," said Mayor Ford. "All three members have a number of years' experience in municipal affairs and have contributed to many community organizations. Their diverse experience will provide great assistance to Council in helping appoint the seven citizen members to the TCHC Board."

Mary Flynn-Guglietti is currently a partner with the law firm McMillan LLP. She has over 26 years' experience in the practice of administrative law, with an emphasis on municipal law, land use planning law and environmental law. Flynn-Guglietti has appeared frequently before the Ontario Municipal Board and the Courts of Ontario on appeal and has written extensively on many aspects of these areas of the law. She is also an active member of the community, serving in various capacities including as President of the C. Dennis Flynn Foundation and as a Member of the Board of the Annual Catholic Missions Gala.

Bahadur Madhani, former Chair of the YMCA of Greater Toronto and a current board member, serves on the boards of the Ontario Public Service External Diversity Advisory Committee and the Toronto City Summit Alliance Steering Committee. Madhani is a former Chair of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Canada and has served on the boards of the Toronto Board of Trade, the Toronto 2008 Olympic Bid, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner's Community Advisory Council. In 2001, he was appointed to the Membership of the Order of Canada in recognition of his contribution to volunteerism in Canada. He is the recipient of a multitude of community awards.

Toronto City Councillor Paul Ainslie has been a member of City Council for six years. Holding a strong belief in the value of public service, he has been involved in many community organizations, including Scouts Canada, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Knights of Columbus and the Friends of Fort York. Councillor Ainslie is also co-chair, with his wife Janet, of the Buy A Bed Campaign for the Centenary Hospital.

Recommendations for councillor appointments to the TCHC Board will be made by City Council's Striking Committee. Two tenant representatives will be elected through a separate process conducted by TCHC. All recommended appointments will be presented to City Council at its June 14 meeting.

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