

City of Toronto Seeking Public Member for Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers

The City of Toronto is currently seeking applications from community-minded, engaged, and enthusiastic individuals to join the Property Standards Committee/Fence Viewers.

The Property Standards Committee is a quasi-judicial body that hears appeals to orders issued by the City's Property Standards Officers for violations of certain [Ontario Building Code](#) and municipal by-law standards for residential, multiple residential, and commercial properties.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Committee conducts itself in accordance with the [Statutory Powers Procedure Act](#), and is also governed by the [Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 629, Property Standards](#). The Committee is organized into four hearing panels. Members review reports prior to hearings, conduct hearings, and issue decisions after hearings. Members may also be required to serve as Fence Viewers, under the authority of the [Line Fences Act](#), to arbitrate fence disputes between property owners, and may hear evidence under oath.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for appointment to the Committee, you must be:

- A resident of the City of Toronto; and
- At least 18 years old.

Former Toronto City Council members who served in the immediately preceding term of City Council (2010-2014) are ineligible for appointment as public members.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The term of office is four years (specifically, from November 2017 to November 2021).

COMPOSITION:

The Committee is composed of 16 public members organized into four panels corresponding to the [Community Council boundaries](#). Please note that the current vacancy is on the Toronto and East York Panel.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Public members should collectively have the following skills and expertise:

- A clear understanding of the role of the Committee;
- A concern for the health and safety of City residents;
- Ability to read and understand building plans, surveys, and reports;
- An understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods/communities across the City;
- An understanding of the *Building Code Act*, Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards, building practices, and tribunal processes;
- Not act as an agent for any appellant before the Committee; and/or
- Previous experience as a member of a decision-making body, if possible.

MEETINGS:

Hearing panels meet 10 times a year at the Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, and Toronto Civic Centres. Hearings last from 1-5 hours, depending on the number and complexity of appeals. Fence Viewers meetings are held infrequently, when required.

REMUNERATION:

- **City-Wide Chair:** \$500 annually, plus \$125 per hearing attended and \$30/hour as Fence Viewers
- **Public Members:** \$125 per hearing attended and \$30/hour as Fence Viewers

DEADLINE, HOW TO APPLY, AND QUESTIONS:

- **Deadline:** Friday, September 15, 2017
- **How to apply:** Visit bit.ly/ApplyforPSFV
- **Questions:** Contact 416-397-0088 or appoint@toronto.ca
- **Other positions:** Visit toronto.ca/ServeYourCity to learn about other exciting board and committee opportunities at the City of Toronto!