

City of Toronto Seeking Two Public Members for Sign Variance Committee

The City of Toronto is currently seeking applications from community-minded, engaged, and enthusiastic Toronto residents to join the Sign Variance Committee.

The Sign Variance Committee is a City of Toronto board that hears appeals of the Chief Building Official's decisions on variance applications for first party signs and makes decisions on variance applications for third party signs.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Committee conducts itself in accordance with a [procedures by-law](#) and is also governed by [Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 694 - Signs, General](#). In addition to participating as a Committee member, the Chair ensures fair and timely public meetings and addresses matters for the operation and conduct of the four other public members.

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.

Public members are ineligible for appointment if they are an owner, employee, or agent of an advertising, communications, or media relations agency or a business which owns, controls, or has shares in a media outlet. In addition, 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 five public members, one of whom serves as Chair.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Public members should collectively have the following skills and expertise:

- A strong interest in the complexities and challenges of city building;
- An understanding of the diverse neighbourhoods and communities in the City;
- Decision-making, communication, and mediation skills to facilitate an open and fair meeting process;
- Knowledge in one or more areas of: law, planning, architecture, government, economic development, community development, land development, or citizen advocacy; and/or
- At least three public members should have adjudication experience and two public members should have public speaking and organizational skills to be able to chair public meetings and maintain order in conflict situations.

MEETINGS:

Meetings are generally held 6-9 times per year (with the exception of July and August), depending on the application volume, and last an average of two hours. Meetings are held at Toronto City Hall (near Queen and Bay Streets) in downtown Toronto.

REMUNERATION:

- **Chair:** \$750 annually, plus \$250 per hearing attended
- **Public Members:** \$250 per hearing attended

DEADLINE, HOW TO APPLY, AND QUESTIONS:

- **Deadline:** Friday, September 15, 2017
- **How to apply:** Visit bit.ly/ApplyforSVC
- **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!