

CALL FOR MEMBERS - *Design Review Panel* -

Established in 2007, the Design Review Panel has become an important voice for the promotion of design excellence within Toronto. Members serve for a 2-year period of appointment, during which time they have the opportunity to comment on a range of important city building initiatives. As part of the rotation of current members, the City is seeking to fill the following vacancies:

2 architects with a range of practical experience in conducting varying scales of project types, including large-scale development

2 landscape architects with a track record of high quality design and place-making within the natural and the built environment

1 engineer with expertise in providing sustainable and environmentally progressive transportation or building site design advice

Role

In its advisory role, the Design Review Panel provides objective, professional advice to City staff about urban design policy and applications for proposed public and private development. The Panel's goal is to improve people's quality of life by promoting design excellence within the public realm, including the pursuit of high quality architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and environmental sustainability. The Panel also plays a significant role in raising awareness about the importance of good design within our City.

Members

The Panel is composed of thirteen members with a mix of design professions, including six architects, three landscape architects, two urban designers, an engineer with sustainability and/or transportation expertise, and one recognized heritage conservation specialist.

Eligibility and Qualifications

Criteria for consideration include a minimum of 15 years relevant professional experience, and membership in a related professional association. Applicants should be articulate in discussing design issues related to their profession, possess a solid understanding of the municipal planning system and development economics, and be registered members in good standing of their respective professional associations. LEED certification is an asset.

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 fees).

Time Commitment

The Panel meets during regular business hours up to a maximum of 15 afternoons per year. Appointment to the Panel is for a 2 year term. In seeking appointment to the Panel, applicants acknowledge that they have suitable flexibility to attend the majority of posted Panel meetings.

Expressions of Interest

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV in PDF format to their respective professional associations. The application deadline is November 8, 2010. Submission contacts are as follows:

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More Information

For additional information on the Panel please visit www.toronto.ca/planning/designreviewpanel.htm OR e-mail Hamish Goodwin, Urban Designer, at hgoodwin@toronto.ca