



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SOCIAL PLANNING TORONTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Social Planning Toronto is an incorporated and registered non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to:

- independent social planning and community development;
- social research and policy analysis;
- community education and advocacy; and
- the development and coordination of human services.

Social Planning Toronto is governed by a 15-person volunteer Board of Directors elected by its individual community and organizational membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Social Planning Toronto's **Annual General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at Artscape – Daniels Spectrum – 585 Dundas St. East.** There will be 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors. This is a call for nominations to fill these vacancies at the AGM.

All Social Planning Toronto Board members serve as individuals committed to the purposes and mission of the Social Planning Toronto and to the important role of independent community social planning in helping to shape the quality of life for all of Toronto's residents. Although Board members do not represent a particular community, constituency, or organization in Board service, the composition of the Social Planning Toronto Board should reflect as much as possible the character and nature of our community. To that end, in recruiting candidates for nomination to the Board, the Nominations Committee will apply the following considerations:

- People of colour who bring a perspective that encompasses the general experience of visible minority groups in the City.
- People from diverse ethnic identities and cultural traditions and backgrounds.
- People who understand from their personal experience, work, and/or volunteer activity, issues important to vulnerable or marginalized community members (e.g. disability, sexual orientation, low income, age, etc.)
- People who live, work, or volunteer in all geographic areas of the City.
- People from a variety of professional or sectoral perspectives, such as labour, business, public service, faith communities, academia, social justice movements, etc.
- Gender balance.

This is consistent with Social Planning Toronto's commitment to principles of access and equity in its staff, board, committee and volunteer recruitment.

Volunteer Board members, of course, bring many skills and talents to their Board responsibilities. Organizational strengths in areas such as access and equity, strategic planning, finance, fundraising, legal, communications, human resource development, etc. are welcome.

Individuals who are nominated and agree to stand for membership election to the Social Planning Toronto Board will be making a commitment to a three-year term. They will agree to attend monthly two- to three-hour Board meetings and to contribute an additional two to three hours a month to Social Planning Toronto committee, task group or other Board-related volunteer work. Nominees for the Social Planning Toronto Board must be a member in good standing at the time of election to the Board and remain so throughout that person's term of office.

Interested individuals may submit their candidacy or nominate others to the Social Planning Toronto Board by completing a Nomination Form (attached) and submitting it by Friday, March 31st, 2017 to Maria Serrano.

Karen Bell

Nominations Committee Chair,
Social Planning Toronto

All nominees will receive an acknowledgement.

For further information, please contact:

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2017 Nomination Form to the Social Planning Toronto Board

The following candidate is being nominated to the Board of Directors of the Social Planning Toronto:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION:

Nominated by:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE OF FIRST PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE OF SECOND PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION:

Please write and submit up to 200 words on why this candidate would make a good member of the Social Planning Toronto Board of Directors. Include personal, professional, and volunteer experience and any specific skills or expertise that would contribute to the governance function of the Social Planning Toronto Board of Directors. Please also attach the candidate's resume. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2017.**

Please submit this form and the 200-word description to:

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