

August 25, 2020

Call for Public Representative to the Nova Scotia Association of Architects' Governing Council

The Nova Scotia Association of Architects (NSAA) is seeking an individual to serve as one of its two public representatives on the governing Council. The NSAA is the regulating body for the architectural profession whose purpose is to serve and protect the public interest in the practice of architecture in Nova Scotia. The public representative cannot be a member of the architectural profession.

A Public Representative provides a positive and effective mechanism for the NSAA to demonstrate transparency, independence and accountability. The Public Representative will ensure that the public perspective is represented in the decision-making of NSAA Council. He/She will have full voting rights and will be expected to attend monthly Council Meetings, as well as the Annual General Meeting, either in person or virtually (via Zoom or other virtual platform). The Public Representative is also eligible to sit on the various Committees within the NSAA and is expected to sit on either the Finance and Risk Committee or the Governance and Human Resources Committee.

Appointment shall be for a 1½ year-term – from Fall 2020 to Spring 2022.

Desirable Public Representative attributes include:

- Open-mindedness
- Knowledge of the position
- Familiarity with the Nova Scotia Association of Architects
- Understanding of the meaning of “public interest”
- Experience with community volunteer activities
- Communication skills and behaviours grounded in respect and transparency, and with tact and discretion where appropriate
- Integrity and application of high ethical standards in all actions and exchanges of information
- Collaborative interpersonal skills and sound business judgement
- Ability to place the interest of the Association above any personal agenda
- Free of conflicts of interests that would affect their ability to perform duties as council member
- Enhancement to the diversity of the governing Council
- Ability to commit time to prepare for and attend council and other required meetings, planning sessions and Association events

In addition to experience with governing council and volunteer boards, experience with policies and processes in one or more of the following areas is an asset:

- Professional registration
- Professional conduct
- Finances
- Human Resources

Interested candidates are requested to forward a cover letter indicating their reasons for wishing to serve on the NSAA Council, along with a current resume, no later than September 30, 2020 to

Nominating Committee

c/o Margo Dauphinee, Executive Director

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