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THE CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 255-1998

A By-law respecting the size and composition of the Toronto Public Library Board.

WHEREAS the *City of Toronto Act, 1997 (No.2)* (the “Act”) established a library board for the City of Toronto on January 1, 1998, under the name Toronto Public Library Board in English and Conseil des bibliothèques publiques de Toronto in French (the “Library Board”); and

WHEREAS the Act dissolved the library boards of the old municipalities, as defined in the Act, (the “former library boards”) on January 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS the Act provides that the persons who, on December 31, 1997, were chairs of the library boards of the old municipalities, as defined in the Act, shall be the members of the Library Board from January 1, 1998 until City Council appoints new members; and

WHEREAS the Act provides that the Library Board shall be deemed to be a public library board established under the *Public Libraries Act* (the “PLA”); and

WHEREAS the PLA provides that a public library board of a municipality whose population is 100,000 or more shall be composed of at least nine and no more than fifteen members appointed by the municipal council; and

WHEREAS the PLA provides that a municipal council shall not appoint more of its own members to a public library board than one less than the majority of the board; and

WHEREAS the PLA provides that, in a municipality with a population of 10,000 or more, two members of a public library board shall be recommended by the board of education and one member shall be recommended by the separate school board; and

WHEREAS regulations made under the *Education Act* have resulted in the merger and continuation of the boards of education of the old municipalities and the Metropolitan Toronto School Board as English-language Public District School Board No. 12 (the “Toronto District School Board”) and the Metropolitan Separate School Board as English-language Separate District School Board No. 40 (the “Toronto District Separate School Board”); and

WHEREAS in accordance with the PLA, City Council wishes to establish the size and composition of the Library Board and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the Library Board to call the first meeting of the Library Board in each new term of the Board;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The Library Board shall be composed of fifteen members, each of whom shall be appointed by City Council and shall be qualified to be appointed pursuant to the provisions of the PLA, and the composition of such membership shall be as follows:

- (a) seven members of City Council, including:
 - (i) the Mayor or, if the Mayor is unwilling or unable to act, a person recommended by the Mayor and approved by Council; and
 - (ii) at least one member of the City standing committee to which the Library Board reports;
- (b) two persons recommended by the Toronto District School Board;
- (c) one person recommended by the Toronto District Separate School Board; and
- (d) five persons who are neither members of City Council nor persons recommended by the Toronto District School Board or the Toronto District Separate School Board.

2. The Chief Executive Officer of the Library Board is authorized to call the first meeting of the Library Board in each new term of the Board.

3. The by-laws of the old municipalities, as defined in the Act, respecting the former library boards are hereby repealed.

4. This by-law shall come into force on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 14th day of May, A.D. 1998.

CASE OOTES,
Deputy Mayor

NOVINA WONG,
City Clerk

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