



## REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

# Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto Public Library Board

**Date:** May 7, 2018

**To:** Civic Appointments Committee

**From:** City Clerk

**Wards:** All

### REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board.

### SUMMARY

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Due to the recent resignation of a candidate who was appointed to the Toronto Public Library Board at the March 26 and 27, 2018 meeting, City Council needs to appoint one public member to fill a vacancy on the Board. Candidates were considered by the Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Public Library on February 20 and March 5, 2018. The Civic Appointments Committee should select one candidate who was recently interviewed to be nominated for appointment by City Council.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting held March 26 and 27, 2018, City Council appointed two public members to fill vacancies on the Toronto Public Library Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CA20.2>

At its meeting held February 20 and March 5, 2018, the Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Public Library considered candidates to be recommended for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&decisionBodyId=1264#Meeting-2018.XN2>

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Composition of the Toronto Public Library Board**

The Toronto Public Library Board consists of 12 members composed of:

- the Mayor or designate
- 3 members of Council
- 8 public members

### **There is one current vacancy**

There is one new vacancy on the Toronto Public Library Board due to the resignation of Ramin Faraji who was appointed by City Council on March 27, 2018, and who resigned on April 16, 2018.

### **Public members should meet certain qualifications**

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members collectively should have sound judgement and personal integrity and represent a range of expertise, experience, and achievement in:

- literature and literacy
- arts and culture
- science and technology
- business
- financial management
- philanthropy

- public sector governance
- community service
- community diversity
- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 range, is a desired qualification for at least one public member

### **Public members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements**

To be eligible for appointment to the board, public members must meet the eligibility requirements set out in the City's Public Appointments Policy.

The Public Libraries Act also requires board members to be Canadian citizens.

### **Public members receive remuneration**

Public members receive an annual retainer of \$350. If the chair is a public member, they receive an annual retainer of \$850. If the vice chair is a public member, they receive an annual retainer of \$600.

### **Public members serve four year terms concurrent with City Council and serve until successors are appointed**

Under the *Public Libraries Act*, a board member shall hold office for a term concurrent with the term of the appointing council, or until a successor is appointed. When a vacancy arises in the membership of a board, the appointing council shall promptly appoint a person to fill the vacancy and to hold office for the unexpired term, except where the unexpired term is less than forty-five days.

Therefore, the successful candidate will be appointed for a term of office ending November 30, 2018, and until a successor is appointed, completing the term previously held by Ramin Faraji.

### **This matter is time sensitive**

Due to City Council's shortened meeting schedule for 2018 and the legislative requirements to fill the vacancy, the Civic Appointments Committee should nominate a candidate who was recently considered by the Interview Subcommittee in February and March 2018 rather than undertaking a new shortlisting and interview process which would delay appointment of a new member.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 – Interview schedule February 20, 2018