

**Attachment 1 – Confidential Information - made public on
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Appointment of Fifth City of Toronto Poet Laureate

Date:	September 22, 2015
To:	Economic Development Committee
From:	General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

City Council appoints Anne Michaels to the position of City of Toronto Poet Laureate for a term beginning December 2015 until November 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Anne Michaels was born in Toronto. She is the author of five acclaimed poetry collections: *The Weight of Oranges* (1986) which won the Commonwealth Prize for the Americas; *Miner's Pond* (1991) which received the Canadian Authors Association Award and was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award and the Trillium Award; *Skin Divers* (1999) and *Poems* (2000). Michaels was shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize in 2014 for her most recent collection, *Correspondences*.

Fugitive Pieces (1996), Michaels' internationally best-selling first novel, was the winner of the Toronto Book Award, Lannan Literary Award for Fiction, the Chapters/Books in Canada First Novel Award, the Guardian Fiction Award and the Orange Prize for Fiction, among many other Canadian and international awards. *Fugitive Pieces* was also adapted as an internationally released feature film. Her second novel, *The Winter Vault* (2009), was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize, the Trillium Book Award and the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and a nominee for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Her work has been translated into more than 40 languages.