REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Public Library Board

Date: February 26, 2018
To: Civic Appointments Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

SUMMARY

City Council needs to appoint two public members to serve on the Toronto Public Library Board. The Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Public Library will reconvene and consider candidates on March 5, 2018, and recommend two public members to the Civic Appointments Committee to fill these positions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend two candidates 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 Attachments 1 and 2 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

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held January 23, 2018, the Civic Appointments Committee selected eight candidates for interview by the Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Public Library: http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CA19.1.

COMMENTS

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

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 appointments staff have consulted with the Toronto Public Library

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the Toronto Public Library in December 2017 and January 2018 to discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities that will be before the board.

In addition to a strong commitment to the Toronto Public Library's vision, mission, values and services, it was suggested that experience with public sector governance, policy, and decision-making, an understanding of equity and diversity goals and outcomes, and knowledge of philanthropy in the arts and literary community would be an additional assets to the board.

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.

Therefore, the successful candidates will be appointed for a term of office ending November 30, 2018, and until successors are appointed, completing the terms previously held by Ron Carinci and Lindsay Colley who resigned in December 2017.

The Interview Subcommittee will recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

The Interview Subcommittee for Toronto Public Library will consider candidates when it reconvenes on March 5, 2018. The two recommended candidates will be forwarded to the Civic Appointments Committee in a decision letter following the interviews.

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The name of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board (previously distributed with Item CA19.1)
Confidential Attachment 2 – Diversity Data for Current Public Members on the Toronto Public Library Board (previously distributed with Item CA19.1)