



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

Appointment of a Public Member to the Toronto Public Library Board

Date: March 12, 2019

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

The Civic Appointments Committee will re-interview three candidates and recommend one candidate to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one candidate for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 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 30 - 31, 2019, City Council appointed seven candidates to the Toronto Public Library Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed. City Council also requested the Civic Appointments Committee to give consideration to a vacancy on the Toronto Public Library Board at its earliest opportunity:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA2.2>.

At its meeting held January 10, 2019, the Civic Appointments Committee selected sixteen candidates for interview at its January 21, 2019 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA1.4>.

COMMENTS

Composition of the Toronto Public Library Board

The Toronto Public Library Board consists of 10 members composed of:

- the Mayor or designate
- 1 Member of Council
- 8 public members

There is one vacancy on the board

There is one vacancy on the Toronto Public Library Board resulting from the withdrawal of a nominated candidate from the appointments process on January 29, 2019.

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. Therefore, the successful candidate will be appointed for a term of office ending November 14, 2022, and until a successor is appointed.

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 Toronto Public Library staff in November 2018 to discuss current trends in library programs and services, emerging challenges and opportunities, and how they relate to the board.

In addition to the Council-approved board qualifications and a commitment to the Toronto Public Library's vision, mission, values and services, it was suggested that experience in such areas as strategic planning, technology and risk assessment, consensus-building, community leadership, equity and diversity, and philanthropy in the arts and culture sector would be additional assets to the board.

Public members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements

To be eligible for appointment to this board public members must meet the eligibility requirements set out in the City of Toronto'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 release of name of the recommended candidate

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

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of candidates, qualifications, confidential diversity information summary, and applications for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board (previously distributed with Item CA1.4)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Interview schedule for March 20, 2019

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview questions for March 20, 2019 (to be circulated under separate cover)