

Toronto Public Library Board - Appointment of a Public Member

Date: April 28, 2021

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 conduct interviews 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 to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until a successor is appointed.
2. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 to 4 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 March 31, 2021, the Civic Appointments Committee selected four candidates for interview at its May 11, 2021 meeting:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.CA18.4>.

At its meeting held October 29 and 30, 2019, City Council appointed two candidates to fill vacancies on the Toronto Public Library Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA10.1>.

At its meeting held March 27 and 28, 2019, City Council appointed one candidate to fill a vacancy on the Toronto Public Library Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2022, and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA4.2>.

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>.

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 position under consideration

There is currently one vacancy on the Toronto Public Library Board due to the resignation of Fenton Jagdeo on February 4, 2021.

Public members serve 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. The successful

candidate will complete the term previously held Fenton Jagdeo and will be appointed, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending November 14, 2022, and until successors are 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 members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, the *Public Libraries Act* also requires board members to be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada within the meaning of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

Public appointments staff have consulted with the Toronto Public Library

Public Appointments staff consulted with Toronto Public Library staff in February 2021 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 consideration be given to candidates who help reflect the diversity of the city and the Library users across Toronto's communities.

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 names of the recommended candidates

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

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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 circulated with Item CA18.4)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Summary of Current Members of the Toronto Public Library Board (previously circulated with Item CA18.4)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for May 11, 2021

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview questions for May 11, 2021