

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

FROM:

Michael Genova, Deputy City Manager, Strategic Initiatives

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To advise Council of a vacancy on the Vaughan Public Library (VPL) Board, due to disqualification of a trustee, as it relates to attendance and to seek direction with respect to filling the vacancy.

Report Highlights

- A member has disqualified their membership on the Vaughan Public Library Board due to attendance.
- The Vaughan Public Library Board recommends that Council not fill the vacancy.

Recommendations

1. That the disqualification, due to attendance, of Harpreet Rindi, be received; and
2. That Council provide direction with respect to filling the vacancy.

Background

Purpose of the VPL Board

The Vaughan Public Library Board's purpose is to ensure the delivery of library services to people who live, work or study in Vaughan, as required by the Public Libraries Act. The Library Board provides guidance and oversight to the Vaughan Public Library Executive Management Team and plays a key role in their strategic direction.

Disqualification of a VPL Board Member

Article 2.4 of the Board's By-Law regarding Disqualification of a Board Member states that:

2.4 Disqualification of a Board Member

A Board member is disqualified and their seat is declared vacant if they:

- a) are convicted of an indictable offence;
- b) become incapacitated;
- c) are absent from the meetings of the Board for three consecutive months without being authorized by a Board resolution;
- d) cease to qualify for membership under clause 2.3;
- e) otherwise forfeits their seat.

Decision of the VPL Board

At its meeting of December 19, 2024, the Vaughan Public Library Board discussed the absence of Trustee Harpreet Rindi from three consecutive meetings of the Board. In reference to Article 2.4 of the Board's By-Law regarding Disqualification of a Board Member, the following motion was passed:

THAT a letter be sent to Council informing them that the seat on the Board is vacant and that the Board recommends that the position not be filled.

Harpreet Rindi has been informed in writing of the disqualification.

The Vaughan Public Library Board trustees are appointed by Council at the beginning of each term. Currently, there are nine (9) members of the public and six (6) members of Council serving on the Vaughan Public Library Board. Any changes to its membership require Council's approval.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Appointments to Statutory Committees and Vaughan Public Library Board – 2022-2026](#)
(Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), Item 1, Report No. 10, February 22, 2023).

Analysis and Options

Due to the disqualification of Harpreet Rindi as a Trustee of the Vaughan Public Library Board for the 2022-2026 term, a vacancy was created on the Board. The Vaughan Public Library Board has recommended that the vacancy not be filled as outlined in the letter to Council (Attachment 1).

Financial Impact

N/A

Operational Impact

N/A

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

Council direction with respect to the vacancy on the Vaughan Public Library Board, as a result of the disqualification of Harpreet Rindi, is required.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281.

Attachments

1. Letter to Council – Notification of Vaughan Public Library Board Trustee Vacancy dated January 7, 2025.

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