

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – REQUEST TO FILL
VACANCIES

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To inform Council of the resignation of two (2) Vaughan Public Library Board Members and request direction to fill the vacancies.

Report Highlights

- Member Bruno Riga resigned from the Vaughan Public Library Board and Member Maya Goldenberg declined to accept the appointment prior to the Board's first meeting, resulting in two (2) vacancies.
- Staff recommends that the vacancies be filled by candidates from the applications previously received in the recruitment.
- The applications have been provided in Confidential Attachment 2.

Recommendations

1. That the resignations of Bruno Riga and Maya Goldenberg be received; and
2. That the vacancies on the Vaughan Public Library Board be filled with two candidates from the applications received in the previous recruitment provided in Confidential Attachment 2.

Background

Sub-section 9.1 of the *Public Libraries Act* provides for a public library board to be composed of at least five members appointed by the Municipal Council. The number of Council members appointed to a board is provided for under Sub-section 10 (2) as follows:

Sub-section 10 (2) – The appointing council shall not appoint more of its own members to a board than the number that is,

(a) In the case of a public library board or union board, one less than a majority of the board.

A Board member is required to hold office for a term concurrent with the term of Council, or until a successor is appointed and may be reappointed for one or more further terms. It should be noted that pursuant to the *Act*, appointees to the board are required to be Canadian citizens, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the municipality and cannot be employed by the board or by the municipality.

The Board is responsible for the provision of library services by the establishment, maintenance and support of libraries and determination of library policies. There is no remuneration, however, members are entitled to certain allowable expenses.

For the 2018-2022 term of office, 4 Members of Council and 15 citizen members were appointed by Council on January 29, 2019.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Council Resolution, Item 7, Report. No. 4 of the Committee of the Whole, adopted by Council on January 29, 2019.](#)

Analysis and Options

At its meeting of December 17, 2020, the Vaughan Public Library Board approved the following resolution:

THAT the Board receive and accept the notification of resignation of Bruno Riga from his position as a trustee of the Vaughan Public Library Board,

AND THAT the Board notify the City of Vaughan Council about the vacancy,

AND THAT the Board request that the vacant trustee positions of Bruno Riga and Maya Goldenberg be replaced for the balance of the current term.

A notification was sent to Mayor and Members of Council via the Office of the City Clerk (Attachment 1). Staff recommends that the vacancies be filled by candidates from the applications previously received in the recruitment. Confidential Attachment 2 containing applications from the previous recruitment has been provided for the Council's consideration.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no regional impacts.

Conclusion

As requested by the Vaughan Public Library Board, staff is recommending that Council consider the applications received from the previous recruitment to fill the two (2) vacancies.

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281

Attachments

1. Letter from Margie Singleton, Chief Executive Officer, Vaughan Public Libraries.
2. Confidential Attachment (Mayor and Members of Council Only).

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