

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 22, 2007

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2006-2010 TERM OF OFFICE

(Referred from the Council meeting of December 18, 2006)

Council, at its meeting of December 18, 2006, adopted, in part, the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of January 22, 2007.

Report of the City Clerk, dated December 11, 2006

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That appointments to the Vaughan Public Library Board for the 2006-2010 term of office be made;
- 2) That Council provide direction with respect to School Board appointments to the Vaughan Public Library Board for the 2006-2010 term of office; and
- 3) That Staff be directed to prepare an appropriate Appointment By-law for the Council meeting of December 18, 2006.

Purpose

Consider appointments to the Vaughan Public Library Board.

Background - Analysis and Options

Sub-section 10 (4) of the *Public Libraries Act (Act)* states, "The first appointments of members of a new board shall be made at a regular meeting of council and the member shall take office as soon as possible thereafter, and thereafter appointments shall be made at the first meeting of council in each term, but if the council fails to make the appointments at its first meeting, it shall do so at any regular or special meeting held within 60 days after its first meeting."

Advertisements were placed in the local newspapers the weeks of November 6 and 13. The deadline for receipt of applications was 4:30 p.m. on December 1, 2006. As well, information packages were made available at local libraries, community centers, the Civic Centre, the City's website, and were sent to the incumbent members of the Vaughan Public Library Board.

A total of 32 applications were received and are attached (Attachment 1).

The current Board consists of 13 members as follows, including Regional Councillor Ferri, Councillor Di Vona, and Councillor Yeung Racco:

- Eileen Burrell
- Denise Da Ros-Presutti
- Virginia DiMeglio
- Michael Du
- Frank Galati
- Joseph Grando
- Aldo Infusino
- Michael McKenzie
- Francesca Rui
- Jai Sokoloff-Cole

The following incumbent members have re-applied:

- Eileen Burrell
- Denise Da Ros-Presutti
- Frank Galati
- Joseph Grando
- Aldo Infusino
- Michael McKenzie

Previously, the Act provided for at least nine and no more than fifteen members to be appointed in a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more. This provision has been changed and the revised Act now provides for a public library board to be composed of at least five members appointed by the municipal council. The requirements in the Act with respect to council members on the board are 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.

The provision in the Act regarding representatives from the Public and Separate Boards of Education to be appointed in a municipality whose population is 10,000 or more has been removed. However, should Council wish to appoint representatives from the School Boards, direction should be given to staff to contact the Boards to provide names of nominees. It is noted that Council did not appoint School Board representatives for the 2003 – 2006 term.

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 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 City of Vaughan or by Vaughan Public Libraries.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, staff is recommending appointments be made to the Vaughan Public Library Board and direction be provided with respect to School Board appointments to the Vaughan Public Library Board for the 2006-2010 term.

Attachments

1. Applications – Confidential (provided to Members of Council December 11, 2006)

Respectfully submitted,

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