
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CLS-01-2021 Appointment to the Public Library Board For Consideration by Council in Committee on February 9, 2021



OBJECTIVE:

To appoint a citizen to the Haldimand County Public Library Board in order to fill a vacancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CLS-01-2021 Appointment to the Public Library Board be received;
2. AND THAT Memorandum CLS-M01-2021 Addendum to Report CLS-01-2021 Appointment to the Public Library Board, be received and remain confidential;
3. AND THAT _____ be appointed to the Haldimand County Public Library Board for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until their successor is appointed.

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Respectfully submitted: Cathy Case, General Manager of Corporate & Social Services

Approved: Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A recruitment process was undertaken to fill a vacancy on the Public Library Board. The submitted application has been evaluated and is presented for Council approval.

BACKGROUND:

The County undertakes a recruitment process at the beginning of each Council term to appoint citizens to various boards and committees in accordance with applicable legislation, by-laws and terms of reference. In early 2019, Council considered numerous applications from individuals expressing interest in serving on the County's boards and committees and appointments were made so that all boards and committees had the requisite representation for this Council term.

In the fall of 2020, one of the Public Library Board members resigned as she was moving out of Haldimand County and as a result, would no longer be eligible to serve as a member of the board. An ad was placed on the County website and in the County ad space in local newspapers soliciting applications to fill the board vacancy.

ANALYSIS:

The Public Library Board is an independent governing body formed under the Public Libraries Act to provide a comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects the community's unique needs. The board is involved in strategic planning, policy-making, building projects and other initiatives that

allow the Library to provide value-added services to the residents of Haldimand County and makes decisions regarding library operations, staffing and service delivery.

One application was submitted in response to the ad that ran for several weeks regarding the opening on the Public Library Board. In accordance with the Process and Evaluation Criteria to be Applied to Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees, which was approved by Council in December 2018, the application was reviewed by the CEO of the Haldimand County Public Library, and by Mayor Hewitt and Councillor Corbett, Chair and Vice-chair of Corporate Affairs. All reviewers recommend that this individual be appointed to the Public Library Board. The application is attached to Memorandum CLS-M01-2021 which is included in the closed agenda for the February 9, 2021 Council in Committee meeting for reference.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

None.