

Appointment to Greater Sudbury Public Library Board

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation regarding the appointment of a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board.

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints Tannys Laughren to the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board for the balance of the term ending November 14, 2022, as outlined in the report entitled “Appointment to Greater Sudbury Public Library Board”, from the Chief Administrative Officer, presented at the City Council meeting on August 17, 2021.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to operational matters.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background and Discussion

In keeping with the 2019 recommendations of the Auditor General regarding governance for the Greater Sudbury Public Library, CGS staff have implemented several new processes to provide additional autonomy for the GSPL Board on an interim basis, pending the development and approval of a new operating agreement between the two organizations.

In the case of appointments to the GSPL Board, staff have provided support to the Board in advertising for a replacement to fill the current vacancy and are bringing forward the Board’s recommendation to Council for ratification.

The opportunity to join the GSPL Board was promoted by both the Library itself as well as CGS Communications. Public notification was issued on June 1, 2021 with a deadline of June 18, 2021. A total of seven applications were received and these were reviewed by the GSPL Board at a special meeting on July 6, 2021. Given that this appointment is for the balance of the current term, up to November 2022, GSPL Board members placed a high priority on previous community board experience.

After a thorough discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

That the Greater Sudbury Public Library recommends that Council appoint Tannys Laughren for the term ending November 2022.

The GSPL Board looks forward to having all seats filled over the coming year as it works in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury to realize the new central library at Junction East.