

Notice of Motion

Date: December 5, 2014

To: Toronto Public Library Board

Topic: **Report Request: Toronto Public Library Board Code of Conduct**

Moved By: Michael Foderick, Chair

Seconded By: Lindsay Colley

Background:

Since 1999, the City of Toronto has had a *Code of Conduct for Members of Local Boards (restricted definition)*. It sets out reasonable rules around, *inter alia*, avoidance of conflicts of interest; the receipt of gifts and benefits; the treatment of confidential information; conduct towards staff; and conduct toward other members. However, as one of the few Local Boards (extended definition) it does not apply to the Toronto Public Library Board. In fact, there is no similar Code of Conduct currently in place for members of the Toronto Public Library Board. This is a longstanding oversight that can be rectified.

For reference, a copy of the *Code of Conduct for Members of Local Boards (restricted definition)* can be found here:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Integrity%20Commissioner/Shared%20Content/Files/code-of-conduct-for-members-of-local-boards.pdf>

It may be staff's recommendation to simply adopt, with necessary modifications, the City of Toronto's *Code of Conduct for Members of Local Boards (restricted definition)* as ours as well.

Requesting staff to report back on this continues a positive trend of recent Board decisions intended to fortify public confidence in the Board and increase the transparency and accountability of its decision-making processes (as did the creation of a lobbying policy and the Board's request for Ombudsman oversight of the TPL).

Recommendations:

The Toronto Public Library Board hereby:

1. requests staff to report back on the establishment of the Toronto Public Library Board Code of Conduct.