



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

City Librarian Selection Committee - Update

Date: April 22, 2025
To: Toronto Public Library Board
From: Director, Human Resources

SUMMARY

The City Librarian Selection Committee, in collaboration with the executive search firm Odgers Berndtson, is actively recruiting Toronto's next City Librarian in preparation for Vickery Bowles' upcoming retirement.

Interviews for the City Librarian position will be held in closed session as the subject matter being considered involves personal matters concerning an identifiable individual. The Committee will conduct interviews and submit a confidential report to the Toronto Public Library Board, recommending a candidate for appointment as the next City Librarian.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

The Director, Finance & CFO has reviewed this financial impact statement and agrees with it.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

On November 11, 2024, Toronto Public Library's current City Librarian, Vickery Bowles, announced her decision to retire in mid-2025.

The City Librarian Selection Committee was established, and the first committee meeting was held on November 27, 2024.

Committee members include Jonathan Hoss (Chair), Alim Remtulla, Councillor Paul Ainslie, Sakariya Ahmed, and Amina Mohamed.

COMMENTS

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