

Toronto Public Library Board – 2022 Proposed Meetings and Locations Schedule

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To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

This report provides the dates and locations for Toronto Public Library Board meetings in 2022 for information. The schedule of 2022 Board meetings is expected to be presented to the Board for approval in January 2022 as per the Toronto Public Library Board Procedural By-law. A proposed meeting schedule for Council and its Committees in 2022 has not yet been provided by the City, so the dates proposed for Library Board meetings are subject to change.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact arising from the information in this report.

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Section 16(1) of the *Public Libraries Act* requires that a board shall hold at least seven regular meetings in each year. The Board's 2022 schedule provides for nine meetings in 2022.

In accordance with the Toronto Public Library Board Procedural By-law, the schedule of Board meetings for the year is approved each year at the January meeting. The proposed dates for meetings in 2022 are provided at this time, before official approval of the dates, to assist Board members and staff in making long-range plans.

A proposed meeting schedule for Council and its Committees allowing time for the City's agencies, corporations and special purpose bodies to schedule their own meetings has not yet been provided by the City. It should be noted that the dates for Board meetings in 2022 provided in this report are subject to change.

Beginning in 2014 at the Board's request, two meetings each year in the spring and fall have been scheduled in alternate branches to the Toronto Reference Library (TRL) to enhance public access to board meetings. Since February 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings have been held via tele/video conference. For 2022, it is not yet known when meetings can be scheduled in person. Preparation for hybrid meetings, combining in-person meetings at the Toronto Reference Library and tele/video meetings is underway. While conducting hybrid meetings will not be feasible outside of the Toronto Reference Library branch, they will expand accessibility as members of the public can participate in-person at the Toronto Reference Library or virtually from anywhere. The meetings will continue to be live-streamed with live captioning and will continue to allow for live public presentations. A plan for hybrid meetings will be presented to the Board in the first quarter of 2022.

COMMENTS

The following dates and start times are proposed for meetings of the Toronto Public Library Board in 2022. The location of meetings will be determined as soon as possible and in accordance with the COVID-19 restrictions and City of Toronto guidance.

Date	Time	Location	Date	Time	Location
Monday Jan. 24	6:00 pm	TBD	Monday June 20	6:00 pm	TBD
Monday Feb. 28	6:00 pm	TBD	Monday Sep. 19	6:00 pm	TBD
Monday Mar. 28	6:00 pm	TBD	Tuesday Oct. 25	6:00 pm	TBD
Monday Apr. 25	6:00 pm	TBD	Monday Dec. 5	6:00 pm	TBD
Tuesday May 24	6:00 pm	TBD			

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