

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2014
FROM:	CATHARINE SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	COMPOSITION – LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, at the request of the London Public Library Board, the attached proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting being held on September 2, 2014 for the purpose of amending the composition of the London Public Library Board.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #2 - Finance and Administration Committee – April 13, 2011

BACKGROUND

In January 2011, the London Public Library Board requested that steps be taken to change the composition of the London Public Library Board by reducing the number of Council Members that sit on the Board from three (3) to two (2), and by eliminating the requirement that two of the positions be held by one representative from each of the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board. The *Public Libraries Act* requires that “the appointing council shall not appoint more of its own members to a board than the number that is...one less than a majority of the board”. The *Act* does not require representation by local school boards. Therefore, the Board’s requested changes remain in keeping with the governing legislation.

Rather than reducing the total composition of the Board by a proportionate number of positions to those noted above, the Board asked to have those three positions held by citizens-at-large. The net effect of these changes would ultimately see a Board composition as follows:

- (a) two (2) members of the Municipal Council;
- (b) seven (7) citizens-at-large.

The Board did not wish to displace any of its current members to effect the changes noted above and asked that the changes in composition be implemented only as vacancies arise, but no later than the commencement of the next term on December 1, 2014. As a result, the Municipal Council, at its meeting on April 18, 2011, introduced and enacted a by-law to reduce the number of Council Members from 3 to 2 and to increase the citizens-at-large from four (4) to five (5) given a vacancy which arose in a seat on the Board that had been held by a Council Member. It is now timely to introduce the attached proposed by-law to eliminate the two positions held by representatives of the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board and replace those two positions with citizens-at-large, effective with the new Council term. This will assist in the recruitment process for the London Public Library Board, soon to be undertaken for the upcoming Council term.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
LINDA ROWE DEPUTY CITY CLERK	CATHARINE SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

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Bill No.

By-law No. A.-

A by-law respecting the composition of The London Public Library Board.

WHEREAS section 9(1) of the *Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter P.44, as amended, provides that a public library board shall be comprised of at least five members appointed by the municipal council;

AND WHEREAS section 10(1) of the *Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter P.44, as amended, provides that a person is qualified to be appointed as a member of a board who is a member of the appointing council;

AND WHEREAS section 10(2) of the *Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter P.44, as amended, provides that the appointing council shall not appoint more of its own members to a board than the number that is, in the case of a public library board or union board, one less than a majority of the board;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to amend the composition of The London Public Library Board;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The London Public Library Board shall be composed of the following nine (9) members to be appointed by the Municipal Council:
 - (a) two (2) members of the Municipal Council; and
 - (b) seven (7) citizens-at-large.
2. By-law No. A.-6656.124, passed on April 18, 2011, is hereby repealed.
3. This by-law comes into force and effect on December 1, 2014.

PASSED in Open Council on September 2, 2014.

J. Baechler
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – September 2, 2014
Second Reading – September 2, 2014
Third Reading – September 2, 2014