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Re: Appointments to the London Public Library Board, 2014 (Term December 1, 2014 – November 30, 2018 (By-law No. A.-6039-645 Respecting the Composition of the London Public Library Board)

The London Public Library Board is in the position of potentially having significant or total turnover of its membership when the new Library Board is appointed by London City Council later in 2014. Thus, the Library respectfully requests that, at the time of appointing the new Board Trustees:

- Gloria Leckie, Library Board Chair, be reappointed to the Library Board to continue on the Library Board for one year and that
- Scott Courtice, Library Vice Chair, be reappointed to the Library Board for the full term of December 1, 2014 – November 30, 2018.

Ms. Leckie will have served on the Library Board for a partial term of October 2008 – December 2010 and a full term of December 2010 – November 2014.

Mr. Courtice will have served on the Library Board for a single term, December 2010 – November 2014.

Background

The composition and membership of a public library board is defined, in general, in the *Public Libraries Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 44. [Hereafter called PLA] It is also defined specifically in City of London By-law A-8039-645. Roles and responsibilities of the Library Board and its Trustees are described in the document: *London Public Library Board Trustee Position Description*. This can be found on the LPL website:

<http://www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/sites/default/files/2012MarchLondonPublicLibraryBoardTrusteePositionDescription.pdf>

The new Library Board trustees will be appointed by City of London Council in accordance with the PLA and City By-law within 60 days of the first meeting of the new Council elected this year. The term of the Library Board will commence December 1, 2014.

In accordance with its By-law No. A.-6039-645, City Council can appoint two (2) members of Municipal Council and seven (7) citizens-at large.

Request for Continuation of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The Library is in the position of potentially having significant or total turnover of its membership. This is a result of the fact that given that many of its members have already served two (2) consecutive terms and because the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board recommended appointees would not be reappointed as school board representatives on the Library Board due to the 2011 By-law change that goes into effect at the end of the term of the current Library Board.

The request for continuation of the current Board Chair and Vice-Chair is being made in order to provide continuity for the Library Board to fulfil its mandate as a governance board having legal, policy and fiduciary oversight of the library. The continuity will also support the new LPL *Strategic Plan: Library Space as Community Place*, in general, and the Board governance review, specifically.

Please contact Susanna Hubbard Krimmer, CEO & Chief Librarian, if further information is required.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria Leckie".

Gloria Leckie
Chair, London Public Library Board

CC: C. Saunders, City Clerk