

## APPOINTMENTS TO THE CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of 2015 October 31, there are three (3) vacancies on the Calgary Public Library Board as a result of expired terms. This report brings forward three (3) candidates for reappointment for second terms, for Council's consideration and approval.

### CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Reappoint the following citizen members to the Calgary Public Library Board (Attachment 1 and 2) for the term lengths indicated below, commencing 2015 November 01:
  - (a) Ms. Catherine Angus – Three (3) year term to expire 2018 October 31
  - (b) Mr. Avnish Mehta - Three (3) year term to expire 2018 October 31
  - (c) Ms. Shereen Samuels - Three (3) year term to expire 2018 October 31
3. Keep Attachments 1 and 2 confidential pursuant to Sections 17(1) and 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

### BACKGROUND

In October 2015, the Library Board finds itself in the unusual position of having 3 vacancies as the result of expiring terms, whose incumbents are both interested in and eligible for reappointment.

### INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

After reviewing the quality of their work as Board members, all were seen as excellent candidates for reappointment. As a result, a broad search, involving a considerable investment of financial resources and volunteer time, was not required.

For all candidates, the recommended term length is 3 years. The recommendation is made to ensure an appropriate balance between renewal and continuity and takes into account the timing of the expiration of other Board Members' terms.

Highlights of the contributions to the Board of each of the recommended candidates appear in Attachment 1. Their resumes are included in Attachment 2.

### Strategic Alignment

Reappointment to the Calgary Public Library Board of knowledgeable, skilled and experienced citizens supports the Library's strategic plan and the alignment to The City of Calgary's four-year budget cycle and targets outlined in the Imagine Calgary framework.

### Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Reappointment of members who are knowledgeable, skilled and experienced will enhance the Calgary Public Library Board's effectiveness to govern and lead the Calgary Public Library; advancing its transformation into a 21st century library system.

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### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

There are no operating budget implications associated with this report.

#### **Current and Future Capital Budget:**

There are no capital budget implications associated with this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

Based on the due diligence of the Public Library Board, any potential risks associated with the process have been mitigated.

#### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Calgary Public Library Board recommends the reappointment of three (3) citizens to the Board. The candidates are eligible for and interested in reappointment. Their varied experience, including Library Board experience, makes them strong candidates, recommended without reservation.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Highlights of Three Candidates for Reappointments
2. Resumes of Three Candidates for Reappointments (Confidential)