

**Community Services Report to
Priorities and Finance Committee
2018 May 01**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has received notification from the Calgary Public Library Board Chair that Catherine Angus, a member appointed by resolution of Council on the Calgary Public Library Board (“Board”) in 2015, has resigned.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Accept the resignation of Catherine Angus as a member of the Calgary Public Library Board, and thank her for her service;
2. Direct that the position remain vacant until the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council when Council will make regular appointments to the Calgary Public Library Board; and
3. Direct that Report PFC2018-0551 remain confidential subject to Section 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until Council rises and reports on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, DATED 2018 MAY 01:

That Report PFC2018-0551 be forwarded direct to Council without Committee Recommendation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2015 October 19 Organizational Meeting of Council, Council appointed Catherine Angus to the Calgary Public Library Board for a three-year term set to expire 2018 October 31.

At the 2014 February 24 Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved PFC2014-0139 Public Library Board – Resignation and Appointment and appointed Catherine Angus to the Calgary Public Library Board for the completion of a three (3) year term to expire 2015 October 31.

BACKGROUND

The Calgary Public Library Board has full management and control of the Calgary Public Library and in accordance with the *Libraries Act* (Alberta), organizes, promotes, and maintains comprehensive and efficient library services in the city of Calgary, and may cooperate with other boards and libraries in the provision of those services.

With respect to appointments, Section 4 of the *Libraries Act* (Alberta) states that a municipal board shall consist of not fewer than five (5) and not more than ten (10) members appointed by Council, a person who is an employee of the municipal board is not eligible to be a member of that board, and not more than two (2) members of Council may be members of the municipal board.

According to Section 5 of the *Calgary Public Library Board Bylaw*, 38M2006, the Calgary Public Library Board shall consist of ten (10) members appointed by Council, no more than two (2) members of Council may be appointed at any one time, and no person shall be appointed as a

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member who is an employee of the Calgary Public Library Board. The Board may continue to operate and conduct business until vacancies are filled if quorum requirements are met.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

On 2018 March 11, the Chair of the Calgary Public Library Board was notified by email that Catherine Angus resigned from the Board.

Catherine Angus' appointment term on the Board was set to expire on 2018 October 31.

The Board passed a motion at the 2018 March 28 meeting that the Calgary Public Library Board not request an appointment from The City to complete the remainder of Ms. Angus' term and instead, leave the position vacant and operate with nine (9) members until the appointment process at the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council on October 22. The motion was carried unanimously.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The Office of Partnerships consulted with the Chair of the Board, and has been advised that the Board passed a motion recommending that Ms. Angus' position remain vacant until the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with Council's priority of a Well Run City: "Calgary's government is open, responsive, accountable and transparent, delivering excellent services at a fair price. We work with our government partners to ensure we have the tools we need" (*Action Plan 2015-2018*).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

No social, environmental, or external economic implications have been identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no current and future operating budget impacts.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no current and future capital budget impacts.

Risk Assessment

The Board did not advise of any potential risk to either composition or quorum resulting from the resignation or deferring the member appointment until the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council to be held on 2018 October 22.

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REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Catherine Angus resigned from her position creating a vacancy on the Calgary Public Library Board. The Calgary Public Library Board will operate with nine (9) members until the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None