



County of Brant Council Report

To: The Mayor and Members of County of Brant Council
From: Sunayana Katikapalli, Director of Council Services/Clerk
Date: April 22, 2025
Report #: RPT-0184-25
Subject: County of Brant Library Board – Appointments and By-law Amendment
Purpose: For Information and Direction

Recommendation

That the County of Brant Council receive RPT-0184-25 as information;

And that staff be directed to advertise for one (1) citizen member for the County of Brant Library Board for the remainder of the term;

And that the County of Brant Council direct staff to amend the County of Brant Library Board composition as follows: “That the County of Brant Public Library Board shall consist of ten (10) members appointed by the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant, of whom two (2) shall be members of the said Council, one (1) shall be the head of the said Council or his or her designate, and seven (7) shall be qualified resident appointees”;

And that the appropriate by-law be presented to Council for consideration;

And further that Council appoint a designate for the Mayor to attend the Library Board for the remainder of the term.

Executive Summary

The County of Brant Library Board currently has two (2) vacancies that need to be filled; one (1) citizen appointment and one (1) Mayor’s appointment. Staff will need to advertise for a citizen appointee, and a By-law amendment is being proposed to allow Council to appoint a Mayor’s designate.

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 4 - Stable and Responsive Governance

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

Allows for the continuous operation of the County of Brant Library Board.

Environmental Impacts

None.

Economic Impacts

None.

Report

Background

On Tuesday January 16, 2025, County of Brant Library Board Member, Mike Gatopoulos, submitted his resignation to the Board's Chair, Fred Gladding. On March 14, 2025, Mayor Bailey resigned from the Board as well. This creates two vacancies on the Board.

Analysis

By-law Number 139-21, as amended, provides, "That the County of Brant Public Library Board shall consist of ten (10) members appointed by the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant, of whom two (2) shall be members of the said Council, one (1) shall be the head of the said Council, and seven (7) shall be qualified resident appointees."

The By-law does not provide for a replacement for the head of Council, which requires consideration given Mayor Bailey's resignation.

It is recommended that the By-law be amended to include wording that speaks to the head of Council's designate.

Summary and Recommendations

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Attachments

None.

Reviewed By

Heather Boyd, General Manager of Corporate Services

Copied To

Kelly Bernstein, CEO of the County of Brant Library
Fred Gladding, Chair of the County of Brant Library Board

By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required

Yes

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk

No