

DATE OF MEETING November 1, 2021

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SUBJECT 2022 VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To request that Council appoint one trustee and one alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

Recommendation

That Council appoint one trustee and one alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees for the January 1, 2022 to November 6, 2022 term.

BACKGROUND

Each year, at their first meeting in November, Council is required by section 17(2) of the *Library Act* to appoint one trustee and one alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees (VIRL). Councillor Hemmens is the current trustee, serving since her initial appointment in 2018. Councillor Maartman is the alternate, appointed in November 2020. Prior to Councillor Maartman's appointment Councillor Thorpe was the alternate. Both current members' terms expire December 31, 2021. The term is scheduled to end the day prior to the inaugural Council meeting as VIRL has historically held a board meeting in October, which has yet to be scheduled, but may be held after the municipal election.

DISCUSSION

VIRL encourages the reappointment of members for continuity but no member may serve for more than 8 consecutive years. The alternate member is expected to attend board meetings in the absence of the trustee. Board members are not entitled to be paid for their services but do receive reimbursement for out of pocket, childminding and travel expenses. There are approximately five board meetings held per year. There are a number of administrative documents VIRL requires from the appointed trustee and alternate and Staff will work with those appointed to ensure VIRL receives them.

OPTIONS

1. That Council appoint one trustee and one alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees for the January 1, 2022 to November 6, 2022 term.

- The advantages of this option: Council will have a representative on the VIRL board, representing the City of Nanaimo's interests.
 - The disadvantages of this option: None identified.
 - Financial Implications: The appointed member will receive out of pocket expenses for attending meetings.
2. That Council provide alternate direction regarding VIRL trustee appointments.
- The advantages of this option: To be determined based on Council's decision.
 - The disadvantages of this option: Council is restricted by the *Library Act* regarding the appointment of a trustee and alternate.
 - Financial Implications: To be determined based on Council's decision. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- Council is requested to appointment one trustee and one alternate on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees.
- The term is 2022-JAN-01 to 2022-NOV-06.
- Continuity in trustee appointments from year to year is recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Letter dated 2021-OCT-22 from VIRL re: 2022 Appointment

Submitted by: |

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