



Peterborough Public Library

To: Peterborough Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

Meeting Date: October 8, 2019

Subject: Report PPL19-043
SOLS Library Trustee Council

Purpose

A report to inform the Library Board of the need for a representative on the SOLS (Southern Ontario Library Service) Trustee Council.

Recommendation

That the Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL19-043 dated October 8, 2019 of the Library CEO, as follows:

That a Board member be nominated to the SOLS Trustee Council.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report.

Background

The Library CEO was contacted in August regarding the need for a Board member to represent the Peterborough Public Library on the SOLS Library Trustee Council.

From the SOLS website, SOLS Trustee Councils are:

(<https://www.sols.org/index.php/trustee-council-meetings>)

- An important communication link between SOLS and library boards about SOLS services
- A forum for trustees to network, share information and hear how other boards deal with similar issues
- An opportunity for trustee support and a venue for carrying forward training suggestions
- A pool of trustees from which to elect members to the SOLS board.

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(<https://www.sols.org/index.php/trustee-councils-terms-of-reference>)

- A communication link between SOLS and boards about SOLS services.
- A forum for sharing information and an opportunity to hear how other boards deal with similar issues.
- Suggestions and support for trustee training.
- A pool of trustees from which to elect members to the SOLS board.

Structure and Membership

Trustee Councils meet twice a year in eight locations. Each public library board is requested to appoint a representative to its area Council. The representative may not be an employee of the board and must meet the qualifications to be a library board trustee set out in Section 10 of the **Public Libraries Act**. In addition to the appointed representatives, other trustees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

While the Library CEO and/or staff members may occasionally attend Trustee Council meetings, Trustee Councils are networking meetings for library board members. Any information shared at Trustee Council meetings that would be relevant to CEOs or staff will have already been provided at staff-focused networking or association meetings.

Agendas and Reports

Agendas are posted online, and members are alerted by email that the agenda has been posted. The agenda includes: SOLS Update, OLBA Update, FOPL update and Roundtable, and Issue Discussion.

Elections to the SOLS Board

Once every four years, each Trustee Council elects one representative to sit on the SOLS Board. These representatives serve a four-year term.

Voting

Trustee Councils require no quorum and no formal motions during the meetings. Voting is limited to the election of the Trustee Council Chair and Vice-Chair and to elections of members to the SOLS Board. Only designated representatives in attendance at their own area Council are eligible to participate in elections to the SOLS Board.

The Peterborough Public Library Board is part of Trustee Council 5 – Oshawa Area. The next meeting is set for Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oshawa Public Library - McLaughlin Branch (65 Bagot Street).

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