

ORILLIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2022 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Library Board was held via Zoom commencing at 3:33 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD – K. Seymour, Chair; C. Seiberling-Spriggs, Vice-Chair; M. Ainsworth
C. Allman; M. Edwards; D. Elder; R. Greenlaw; P. Hehn; G. McCorkell;
R. Stevens; D. Watson

STAFF – B. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer
K. Absalom, Director of Information Services
M. Wilkinson, Director of Children’s & Youth Services
M. Robertson, Directory of Corporate & Operational Services
T. Chatten, Recorder

ABSENT – none

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Land Acknowledgement Statement – C. Seiberling-Spriggs read the Library Board’s statement.

Call to Order – Notice and Quorum – K. Seymour called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda – Additional item of correspondence

MOTION #2022:26

*Moved by D. Elder, seconded by C. Seiberling-Spriggs that the Orillia Public Library Board
approve the Agenda of the June 22, 2022 meeting.*

CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – none

CONSENT AGENDA

P. Hehn asked if the disbanding of the County Cooperative would have any impact on the Library with cuts to services/resource sharing, etc.? It may add to our workload if new members come from any of these areas serviced by the cooperative, and it may also impact the Coldwater Library. There is no transition plan in place yet.

Congratulations were offered to staff on the well-run drag queen events. It was a well-received program with Board and City staff support; Board members were proud to be involved/supportive of this and proud of the staff. Mayor Clarke also attended a storytime and spoke positively to the media.

B. Sullivan highlighted the drag queen events which were the culmination of a difficult week, but also necessary and fabulous. The CEO and Board chair will draft a response to send regarding any comments/inquiries.

M. Robertson announced that the OPL has officially been designated as a “Safer Space”, one of three in Orillia. There will be publicity to follow to bring awareness to this.

K. Absalom announced the 16th Big Read as “Daughters of the Deer” which will include an in-person author visit in October.

M. Wilkinson highlighted this year’s Battle of the Books which ran successfully with 12 schools participating with 130 students. A virtual event was chosen at the time of organizing, which was well run by S. McLean and engaged the students. Monsignor Lee won the grand prize.

MOTION #2022:27

Moved by G. McCorkell, seconded by M. Edwards that the Consent Agenda of the June 22, 2022 meeting be adopted. CARRIED

DISCUSSION AGENDA

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance Committee – Monthly statements for May 2022 were presented for Board review and discussion. Current reserve fund totals still not available.

MOTION #2022:28

Moved by R. Greenlaw, seconded by C. Seiberling-Spriggs that the Orillia Public Library Board receives the May 2022 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

Policy Committee – Annual Board Assessment – The committee reviewed and as part of yearly plan as well as succession planning for board members.

MOTION #2022:29

Moved by C. Allman, seconded by D. Watson that the Orillia Public Library Board adopt the Annual Board Assessment Policy. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Donation of Arthur Shilling Painting – An appraisal for the piece has been received and we expect delivery of the painting by July 1st, with acknowledgment of the donors as requested.

MOTION #2022:30

Moved by P. Hehn, seconded by D. Elder that the Orillia Public Library Board accept the donation of an Arthur Shilling painting with conditions. CARRIED

IN-CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

MOTION #2022:31

Moved by M. Edwards, seconded by C. Seiberling-Spriggs that the Orillia Public Library Board enter an in-camera session at 3:58 p.m. CARRIED

MOTION #2022:32

Moved by P. Hehn, seconded by C. Seiberling-Spriggs that the Orillia Public Library Board leave an in-camera session at 4:07 p.m. CARRIED

MOTION #2022:33

Moved by C. Seiberling-Spriggs, seconded by P. Hehn that the Orillia Public Library Board agree with the recommendations of the Personnel Committee with regard to the CEO Performance Appraisal.

CARRIED

Adjournment at 4:10 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER