

ORILLIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 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; R. Greenlaw; P. Hehn; G. McCorkell; R. Stevens; D. Watson

STAFF – B. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer
K. Absalom, Director of Information Services
M. Robertson, Director of Corporate and Operational Services
M. Wilkinson, Director of Children’s & Youth Services
E. Damery, Coordinator of Children’s & Youth Services
A. Lambertsen, Coordinator of Circulation Services
D. Caschera, Emerging Technologies Librarian
T. Chatten, Recorder

ABSENT –D. Elder

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

MOTION #2022:01

Moved by P. Hehn, seconded by D. Watson that the Orillia Public Library Board elects Kelly Seymour for the position of Board Chair for 2022. CARRIED

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Land Acknowledgement Statement – K. Seymour read the Library Board’s statement.

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

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION #2022:02

Moved by D. Watson, seconded by R. Stevens that the Orillia Public Library Board approve the Agenda of the January 26, 2022 meeting. CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – none

CONSENT AGENDA

P. Hehn commented on the inclusivity of all faiths and cultures being recognized and celebrated by the Library.

B. Sullivan commended the resilience of staff working through the pandemic as we have transitioned through tough times.

M. Wilkinson highlighted the in-person programming with a downtown storywalk. No data was collected but many quality comments were received including participation with local businesses.

M. Robertson reported on the tender process being undertaken for a new ILS with F. Marlow IT support. Melissa has joined the City's diversity committee, with thanks for being included.

K. Absalom commented on the continued success of the popular Santa for Seniors program, with upcoming take and makes geared to supporting seniors at Valentine's Day. The Library newsletter continues to showcase an impressive amount of events.

MOTION #2022:03

Moved by C. Allman, seconded by P. Hehn that the Consent Agenda of the January 26, 2022 meeting be adopted. CARRIED

DISCUSSION AGENDA

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Strategic Plan Update – The CEO reported that input has been received from the Board with discussion at the upcoming staff meeting, with some fine tuning of realistic measurables to follow.

Fines/Fundraising Update – The CEO prepared a report for Board information and discussion as a follow up to ways to replace lost fines revenue.

MOTION #2022:04

Moved by P. Hehn, seconded by C. Allman that the Orillia Public Library Board eliminate charging fines and instead undertake fundraising projects every year to replace the revenue. Board members asked for a recorded vote as follows:

In Favour

C. Allman

M. Edwards

P. Hehn

K. Seymour

C. Seiberling-Spriggs

D. Watson

Opposed

M. Ainsworth

R. Greenlaw

G. McCorkell

R. Stevens

CARRIED

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance Committee – Monthly statements for November 2021 were presented for Board review and discussion.

MOTION #2022:05

Moved by C. Seiberling-Spriggs, seconded by R. Greenlaw that the Orillia Public Library Board receives the November 2021 Financial Statements as presented. CARRIED

Board Approval re: Vision Coverage – The CEO prepared a report for Board information.

MOTION #2022:06

Moved by D. Watson, seconded by M. Edwards that the Orillia Public Library Board approve the change in Vision Coverage for all eligible library employees. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Meeting Dates Schedule/2022 Closure Dates – A list of dates were presented for approval.

MOTION #2022:07

Moved by D. Watson, seconded by P. Hehn that the Orillia Public Library Board accept the list of dates for Board Meetings and Library Closure Dates for 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Adjournment at 4:14 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER