

ORILLIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Library Board was held via Zoom commencing at 3:34 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD – K. Seymour, Chair; C. Seiberling-Spriggs, Vice-Chair; 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. Robertson, Director of Corporate and Operational Services
M. Wilkinson, Director of Children’s & Youth Services
A. Lambertsen, Coordinator of Circulation Services
A. Gilston, Emerging Technologies Librarian
T. Chatten, Recorder

ABSENT – M. Ainsworth

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 #2022:13

Moved by D. Watson, seconded by G. McCorkell that the Orillia Public Library Board approve the Agenda of the March 23, 2022 meeting. CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – none

CONSENT AGENDA

D. Watson questioned the handling of budget surpluses in the past, and prior to Covid. Surplus was returned to the City, but there are differing opinions on this based on the Libraries Act.

B. Sullivan highlighted that she had submitted for an award which recognizes excellence in strategic communication and could possibly receive some recognition for the recent donation drive. Also, from the report regarding an outreach worker position that is moving forward.

M. Wilkinson highlighted the Babytime Story Kits prepared to take home as there has been a missed opportunity for babies with online programming. We welcomed babies back into the library for in-person program in final week of March.

M. Robertson reported that the EDI Committee worked on the ITSTARTS campaign, with Simcoe County taking on a larger role in communications, including participants from other organizations.

K. Absalom commented on the recent addition of a large format printer purchased with funds from donations to the Makerspace.

MOTION #2022:14

Moved by C. Allman, seconded by C. Seiberling-Spriggs that the Consent Agenda of the March 23, 2022 meeting be adopted. CARRIED

DISCUSSION AGENDA

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Strategic Plan Update – The next draft will go to the Directors for review. Consultants have now been fully compensated.

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance Committee – There are no financial reports at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The CEO prepared a workplan for the year for the Board’s review, with a possible open house for potential board members. In an election year board members must reapply to the City to continue on this Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is the Board’s plan to be back in the library for an in-person April meeting.

Black racism workshop for board members next Wednesday.

Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER