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Guelph Public Library Board

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Prepared by Barbara Powe

Members

Scott Butler (Chair)

James Gordon

Vivian Webb (Vice Chair)

Getu Hailu

Randalin Ellery (Vice Chair)

Anne MacKay

Lisa Maslove (Past Chair)

Katie Saunders

Aaron Blair

Danny Williamson

Staff

Steven Kraft (CEO)

Andrew Kwan (Manager of
Information and Technology)

Dan Atkins (Deputy CEO)

Barbara Powe (Administrative
Assistant)

Michelle Campbell (Manager of Public
Service)

Carolyn Elston-Ryder (Human
Resources)

Guests

Duncan Bates (Diamond Schmitt
Architects)

Stephen Gazzola (Project Manager,
City of Guelph)

John Regan (GM Business,
Development and Enterprise Services,
City of Guelph)

Mark Holden (Windmill Developments)

Regrets

Katie Saunders

Barbara Powe (Administrative
Assistant)

Aaron Blair

1 Call to Order

The special meeting of the Guelph Public Library Board was called to order by the Chair, Scott Butler, at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 via Webex. Steven Kraft, Secretary, was present.

1.1 First Nations Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2 Approval of Agenda

Motion 54.21:

Moved by D. Williamson

Seconded by J. Gordon

That the Agenda of the July 2021 special Library Board meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

3 Apologies for Non-Attendance

Katie Saunders

Aaron Blair

Barbara Powe

4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations to report.

Carried

5 Presentations & Reports

5.1 New Central Library Design Update

D. Bates reported that conversations had during the last Board meeting encouraged his team to do some further research into historical data they had not been provided with. His research reassured his previous assumptions that the bulk of the engagement work completed by Invizij was in fact incorporated into their needs assessment and inherently carried through the design.

In addition to that, receiving the memo from the Board which concisely drilled down on the major concerns, again, reinforced that public engagement aspects had been included. There were moments of discovery for the team where they realised some aspects were in fact missing. It was an opportunity for all involved parties to discuss items previously touched on.

Diamond and Schmitt Architect's memo responded to the following overarching themes:

1. An inviting design
2. Accessible, flexible, community supportive spaces
3. A connection to nature
4. An opportunity to preserve and learn from the past
5. Technology that is accessible to everyone

A discussion followed.

R. Ellery joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

D. Bates noted that it's important to continue to show support for the Library and the development as a whole. His team is very hopeful that Council seeks to approve the current UDMP based on recommendations made by City staff.

The final schematic design package will be submitted to the Windmill team at the end of next week. That package will go on to costing and review. The costs will be presented to members of staff for confirmation, followed by a review with Stephen's team at City Hall to ensure design compliance.

A potential Library townhall should be discussed some time in late September.

6 Authority to Move into Closed Meeting

Motion 55.21:

Moved by A. MacKay

Seconded by G. Hailu

That the Guelph Public Library Board now hold a meeting that is closed to the public, pursuant to:

Section 16.1(4) of the Public Libraries Act, and section B-5 (6) of the GPL By-Law to consider information relating to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

The meeting was moved in-camera at 6:08 p.m.

The following matters were considered:

1. Design Update
2. Fundraising Consultant
3. Legal Representation

The meeting was moved out of in-camera at 6:38 p.m.

7 Open Meeting

The Board heard advice received in-camera and acted accordingly. The following motions were brought forward:

Motion 56.21:

Moved by V. Webb

Seconded by A. MacKay

That the Board heartily endorses the architectural design as presented because:

- a. it incorporates and concludes three years of extensive community engagement;
- b. it has an inviting and engaging design that is inclusive and flexible;
- c. and it will deliver an iconic facility for 21st century library services.

Carried

8 Next Meeting

Chair, Scott Butler announced that the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

A provisional meeting will be called in August leading up to the approval of the final design schematics.

9 Adjournment

Motion 57.21:

Moved by G. Hailu

Seconded by L. Maslove

That the Guelph Public Library special meeting of July 2021 be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Library Board Chair

Date

Library CEO (Board Secretary)

Date