



Guelph Public Library

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Guelph Public Library Board

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 30, 2023

Prepared by Barbara Powe

Members

Randalin Ellery (Chair)

Danny Williamson (Vice Chair)

Renganathan Sadagoban

Vivian Webb

Alexandra Ortiz Carlsson

Bang Ly

Denise Rishworth

Clair Cowan

Candice Lepage

Councillor Rodrigo Goller

Councillor Leanne Caron*

Councillor Carly Klassen

Staff

Steven Kraft (CEO)

Dan Atkins (Deputy CEO)

Michelle Campbell (Manager of Public Service)

Carolyn Elston-Ryder (Human Resources)

Rupinder Chatha (Project Manager)

Barbara Powe (Administrative Assistant) *

Guests

No guests to report.

Regrets

Randalin Ellery

Renganathan Sadagoban

Clair Cowan

Candice Lepage

Councillor Carly Klassen

***Attended Virtually**

1 Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Guelph Public Library Board was called to order by the Vice Chair, Danny Williamson, at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023. Steven Kraft, Secretary, was present.

1.1 First Nations Acknowledgement

D. Williamson read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.2 Guelph Public Library Values

B. Ly shared their GPL Values.

2 Approval of Agenda

Motion 52.23:

Moved by B. Ly

Seconded by L. Caron

That the Agenda of the October Library Board meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

3 Apologies for Non-Attendance

Randalin Ellery

Renganathan Sadagoban

Clair Cowan

Candice Lepage

Councillor Carly Klassen

4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations to report.

5 Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Adoption of September 2023 Minutes**
- 5.2 Correspondence**
- 5.3 CEO's Report**
- 5.4 Service Utilization Scorecard Report**
- 5.5 Service Capacity Scorecard Report**
- 5.6 Operating Variance Report**
- 5.7 OLA & FOPL Advocacy Priorities**
- 5.8 Operational Policy Review Updates**
- 5.9 New Central Library - Milestones Update**
- 5.10 Baker District Project Update**
- 5.11 New Central Library - Fundraising Campaign Update**
- 5.12 Public Library Operating Grant (PLOG)**

Motion 53.23:

Moved by B. Ly

Seconded by D. Rishworth

That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

6 Presentations & Reports

6.1 Retreat Debrief

D. Williamson requested that the Agenda be amended to reflect D. Williamson for the Retreat Debrief instead of R. Ellery.

D. Williamson reported that the Board Retreat was successful with valuable perspectives.

The morning session included a panel of community organizations. R. Ellery also facilitated a discussion on how we honor the work of our current partners and carry that through to the New Central Library. The afternoon session was a conversation about strategic planning.

A discussion followed.

Action: Staff to present a partnership update report in Q1 of 2024.

6.2 Advocacy Priorities

S. Kraft reported that he reached out to the Library Representative through the Ministry concerning the conversation about advocacy in the September Board meeting. They stated that no letters of support are required currently. If and when support is needed, they will provide instructions on how members can do so.

A discussion followed.

Motion 54.23:

Moved by V. Webb

Seconded by A. Ortiz Carlsson

That the Advocacy Priorities verbal report be accepted for information.

Carried

6.3 10-Year Budget Amendment

D. Atkins reported that Staff had further conversations with the City about the New Central Library timeline. The target opening for the Library is Q3 of 2026. It was concluded that it is best to move the ask for \$2.9 million for collection development from 2024 to 2025.

A discussion followed.

Motion 55.23:

Moved by R. Goller

Seconded by B. Ly

That Guelph Public Library Board approve a motion to move the \$2.9 million collection budget which was approved for 2024 to 2025.

Carried

7 Authority to Move into Closed Session

Motion 56.23:

Moved by R. Goller

Seconded by A. Ortiz Carlsson

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

The Public Libraries Act, Section 16.1(4) A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is,

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual;

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

Carried

The meeting was moved in-camera at 6:22 p.m.

A motion to approve the agenda carried. – **Motion IC.15.23**

A motion to approve the consent agenda carried. – **Motion IC.16.23**

A motion to adopt the Library as a Safe Place – Score Card Report carried. – **Motion IC.17.23**

The meeting was moved out of in-camera at 7:17 p.m. – **Motion IC.18.23**

8 New Business

8.1 Friends of the Library Representative

B. Ly requested that a new representative for the Friends of the Library be assigned as he can no longer fulfill the duties required.

Action: Executive Committee to discuss appointing a new member to the Friends of the Library.

9 Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

10 Next Meeting

Vice Chair, Danny Williamson announced that the next Board meeting would be Monday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

11 Adjournment

Motion 57.23:

Moved by V. Webb

Seconded by B. Ly

That the Guelph Public Library meeting of October 2023 be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Library Board Chair

Date

Library CEO (Board Secretary)

Date