



Guelph Public Library

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Guelph Public Library Special Meeting Workshop

Minutes

Monday January 28, 2019

Main Branch Programming Room

Members: Lisa Maslove (Chair), Scott Butler (Vice-Chair), Aaron Blair, Randalin Ellery, Getu Hailu, Anne MacKay, Gertrude Robinson, Katie Saunders, Vivian Webb

Staff: Steven Kraft (CEO), Dan Atkins (Director of Operations), Nancy Clarke (Director of Customer Service), Karen Cafarella (Supervisor Outreach Services), Linda Cozzarin (Admin Assistant)

Guest: Nestor Bottino – Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture

Regrets: James Gordon, Danny Williamson

1. Call to Order: L. Maslove called meeting to order @ 5:35 pm
 - First Nations Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of agenda:

01:19	Moved:	A. MacKay	Seconded:	S. Butler
	To accept the agenda as presented.			CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None

4. Presentation & Reports: - N. Bottino – HMBA

- Progress review, work schedule, next steps:
- N. Bottino explained the process going forward with the Baker District Project.
- January 31, 2019 - a draft document outlining our design preferences (including strategic goals, vision, mission, and values) as they relate to the new central library will be submitted to Windmill Development Group.
- Friday, February 1, 2019 - A preliminary walk through of the draft document will take place by conference call with Invizij, HMBA, and Windmill
- February 21, 2019 – scheduled date for a workshop with Windmill and Invizij
- February 25, 26, 27, 2019 - scheduled dates for stakeholder consultations specific to library. By invitation only.
- April 2019 – Windmill/Diamond Schmitt will present a draft

- design of New Central Library to Library admin staff.
- A Public Engagement meeting to be arranged late March 2019.

➤ Work Session:

❖ Vision/mission/goals:

- Review and affirm the goals from the library's strategic plan 2018 - 2022 and how they apply to a new central library.
- Board members unanimously agree there should be a strong emphasis on 'accessibility'.

❖ Design priorities:

- Discussion followed around the design of the new library.
 - ✓ N. Bottino presented three designs (A, B, and C) as potential floor plans and how each could best suit the needs of a new central library.
 - ✓ The library to have a distinct and recognizable shape and a well-established character.
 - ✓ The library should fit into the city core.
 - ✓ N. Bottino explained the functionality and the purpose that each floor will have.

Board expressed their thoughts and concerns about what they would like to see on the various levels:

- 1) The library is both the heart and the living room of the community. Important that the inside activity be seen from outside the library. The Library to be a "living invitation." Make it Magnetic.
- 2) Library entrance should have a "WOW" factor and offer great internal vistas.

- 3) Library building needs to be "Iconic."
- 4) Would like a recording studio.
- 5) The Boardroom should also serve the community.
- 6) Multipurpose room should serve as a core of the building with a view looking out.
- 7) Archives reading room to be located in a prime location.
- 8) Library space to have as much natural light as possible.

❖ Next Steps:

- ✓ N. Bottino to present the three designs to Windmill, recognizing that plan B, with the East entrance and a Secondary South side entrance, was the one preferred by library staff from a functional standpoint. N. Bottino will also describe the elements from the other options that would be desirable.
- ✓ Public engagement is scheduled to further inform the design.
- ✓ Windmill to come back with a more detailed report on the interior and exterior design.
- ✓ Board members that have any more thoughts, please send to the CEO by tomorrow (Wednesday) at the latest.

02:19	Moved:	K. Saunders	Seconded:	V. Webb
	To extend the meeting past 7:30 pm.			CARRIED

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 19, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

A. Adjournment:

03 19	Moved:	G. Hailu	Seconded:	
	That the GPL Board Special Workshop Meeting of January 2019 be adjourned. CARRIED			

Meeting adjourned at: 7:35 pm

Library Board Chair	Date

Library CEO (Board Secretary)	Date