



Newmarket Public Library Board

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM

Members Present: Darcy McNeill, Chair
Jane Twinney, Vice Chair
Kelly Broome
Darryl Gray
Leslee Mason
Victor Woodhouse

Members Absent: Art Weis

Staff Present: Linda Peppiatt, Acting CEO
Jennifer Leveridge, Manager, Library Services
Benjamin Shaw, Manager, Library Operations
Lianne Bond, Administrative Coordinator

1. Meeting to be held through live video interface

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda Items

The Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda. One item was added under Closed Session.

2.1 Adoption of the Regular Agenda

2.2 Adoption of the Closed Session Agenda

2.3 Adoption of the Consent Agenda Items

Motion 21-03-172

Moved by Kelly Broome

Seconded by Victor Woodhouse

That items 2.1 to 2.3 be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Declarations

None were declared

4. Consent Agenda Items

4.1 Adoption of the Regular Board meeting minutes for February 17, 2021

4.2 Strategic Operations Report for February

4.3 Library Bank Balance Transfer

Motion 21-03-173

Moved by Victor Woodhouse

Seconded by Leslee Mason

That items 4.1 to 4.3 be adopted and approved as presented.

Carried

5. Reports

5.1 Ontario Library Association/Federation of Public Libraries Pre-Budget Submission

A report to the Library Board asked that the Board endorse the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries 2021 pre-budget submission requesting provincial funding support to offset lost revenues from implementing fine free policies and to support the establishment of an Ontario Digital Public Library.

Motion 21-03-174

Moved by Darryl Gray

Seconded by Leslee Mason

That the Library Board receive the report on the OLA/FOPL 2021 Ontario Pre-Budget Submission;

And that the Library Board endorses the OLA/FOPL 2021 Ontario Pre-Budget Submission and supports the requests, specifically:

- A targeted enhancement of provincial funding through the Public Libraries Operating Grant (PLOG) to offset lost revenues from implementing fines-free policies and help public libraries make these

policies permanent. This investment would help to break down barriers to access for low-income Ontarians.

- Subject to the above increase, maintain provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries at current levels and work with municipalities to prevent unsustainable cuts to public library funding.
- Provide critical e-learning support and fair access to modern, digital resources for all Ontario public libraries through a \$4.7 million annual investment to support the establishment of an Ontario Digital Public Library, thereby leveraging the province's significant purchasing power to give all Ontarians access to a common set of high-quality e-learning & online resources and more e-books

And That Library staff draft a Resolution to seek the Town of Newmarket Council's endorsement of the OLA/FOPL 2021 Pre-Budget Submission

And That Library staff draft a letter to the Newmarket/Aurora Member of Parliament advising of the endorsement of the OLA/FOPL 2021 Pre-Budget Submission with a copy sent to the Minister, Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Carried

6. Business Arising

6.1 CEO Recruitment update

The Library Board Chair advised of the recruitment process for the role of CEO and who will be participating on the Selection Committee. Further details regarding the Request for Proposal Award report for recruitment services were discussed in Closed Session as there were personal matters pertaining to an identifiable individual.

6.2 Library Board Action List

The Library Board reviewed the Action List.

Motion 21-03-175

Moved by Jane Twinney

Seconded by Darryl Gray

That the Library Board receive the Action List as presented.

Carried

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Closed Session (If required)

Motion 21-03-176

Moved by Victor Woodhouse

Seconded by Leslee Mason

That the Library Board move into Closed Session at 5:50 pm for personal matters about an identifiable individual per section 16.1.4 (b) of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter P.44

Carried

Motion 21-03-177

Moved by Kelly Broome

Seconded by Jane Twinney

That the Library Board move out of Closed Session at 6:00 pm.

Carried

Motion 21-03-178

Moved by Kelly Broome

Seconded by Darryl Gray

Motion Arising from Closed Session

That the Library Board receive the report on the results of the Request for Proposal for the recruitment services for the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Library;

And That the Library Board approved the recommendations as outlined in the report.

Carried

9. Dates of Future Meetings

The next regular Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Location electronic via Zoom

10. Adjournment

Motion 21-03-179

Moved by Victor Woodhouse

Seconded by Kelly Broome

That there being no further business the meeting adjourn at 6:03 pm.

Carried

Darcy McNeill, Chair

Linda Peppiatt, Acting CEO
Secretary/Treasurer