



# 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**

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Darcy McNeill, Chair

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Linda Peppiatt, Acting CEO  
Secretary/Treasurer