

ORILLIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2023 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board was held in the Library commencing at 3:32 p.m.

PRESENT – BOARD – D. Watson, Chair; M. Edwards, Vice-Chair; C. Allman; J. Bard;
E. Bremer; H. Mallon; G. McCorkell; D. McIsaac; W. Minnings

STAFF – B. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer
M. Wilkinson, Director of Children & Youth Services
M. Robertson, Directory of Corporate & Operational Services
T. Chatten, Recorder

ABSENT – W. Smith

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Land Acknowledgement Statement – D. Watson read the Library Board's statement.

Call to Order – D. Watson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION #2023:05

Moved by C. Allman, seconded by E. Bremer that the Orillia Public Library Board approve the Agenda of the March 15, 2023 meeting. CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – none

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Sullivan reported that City Council had ratified the 2023 budget, and that the Library would move forward with planned projects.

M. Wilkinson introduced herself to new board members and highlighted the Teen Leadership Committee as a strong teen volunteer program. S. McLean has led two sessions to date and creates a meaningful experience for the 16 teen volunteers who offer invaluable assistance with programs, especially this week during March Break.

M. Robertson highlighted the IT STARTS campaign which has been ongoing at OPL for the 3rd year promoting multiculturalism in Simcoe County.

The Makerspace Grand Opening was highlighted on behalf of the Director of Information Services, offering thanks to E. McAlpine and T. Kwok for its success and encouraging new memberships.

Congratulations were offered to B. Sullivan on the recent article regarding the drag queen event, as well as overall compliments on the increase of statistical numbers to pre-covid levels.

MOTION #2023:06

Moved by C. Allman, seconded by W. Minnings that the Consent Agenda of the March 15, 2023 meeting be adopted. CARRIED

DISCUSSION AGENDA

BUSINESS ARISING

Meeting Dates and Times

MOTION #2023:07

Moved by H. Mallon, seconded by D. McIsaac that the Orillia Public Library Board meetings be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. CARRIED

Annual Workplan 2023 – An outline for 2023 was distributed for Board review.

MOTION #2023:08

Moved by E. Bremer, seconded by H. Mallon that the Orillia Public Library Board adopt the Annual Workplan for 2023 as presented. CARRIED

Strat Plan/Action Plan Update – An update was provided for Board discussion and review.

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Finance Committee – Monthly statements for February 2023 were presented for Board review and discussion. The budget was not yet populated but has been passed. Reserve funds totals for 2022 were also included.

MOTION #2023:09

Moved by D. McIsaac, seconded by H. Mallon that the Orillia Public Library Board receives the February 2023 financial statements as presented. CARRIED

Committee members were also designated as follows:

FINANCE – Gail McCorkell, Elaine Bremer

PERSONNEL – Wanda Minnings, Helen Mallon

POLICY – Catherine Allman, Meghan Edwards

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Gail McCorkell, Elaine Bremer

OLS REPRESENTATIVE – Gail McCorkell, Elaine Bremer (alternate)

NEW BUSINESS

Fees and Charges – A report outlining the various fees and charges was distributed for Board discussion, providing an opportunity for the Board to review annually.

MOTION #2023:10

Moved by D. McIsaac, seconded by C. Allman that the Orillia Public Library Board receive the Library Fees and Charges Schedule for 2023.

CARRIED

Announcements – none

Adjournment at 4:17 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER