



# Ajax Public Library

## Board Meeting Agenda

**February 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Board:** Voytek Bialkowski, Piyali Correya (Chair), Sepelene Deonarine, Mallik Fernando, Rebecca Hayes, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair), Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller

**Staff:** Sarah Vaisler - CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer  
Jason Tooral - Manager of Corporate Services  
Melissa Redden - Manager of Public Service  
Sai Mahendran - Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas. More specifically, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, signatories of the Gunshot Treaty of 1788 and the Williams Treaties of 1923. This land is, and will continue to be, home to the Indigenous Peoples. Let us acknowledge the mistakes and traumas of the past through authenticity and support truth and reconciliation. Let us engage and celebrate Indigenous communities by being leaders of action in acknowledging the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations towards truth and reconciliation. Let us keep these principles close, as we continue towards truth and reconciliation and as we move forward with kindness and respect as a community.

### 3. Introductions & Election of the Board's Executive Positions (Chair and Vice-Chair)

*The Chair will declare nominations open for the position of Chair.*

*MOTION: That XXXX be nominated for Chair.*

*MOTION: That nominations for Chair be closed.*

*Call for a vote if required, or XXXX assumes the position of Chair and will declare that nominations are open for Vice-Chair.*

*MOTION: That XXXX be nominated for Vice-Chair.*

*MOTION: That nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.*

*Call for a vote if required, or XXXX assumes the position of Vice-Chair.*

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

- 4.1 Trustees who wish to add items to the agenda may request the Chairperson's permission at this time. This includes items of New Business. The Chairperson will rule on the request and such ruling may be challenged or appealed, in which case a majority vote can sustain or overrule the decision of the Chairperson (not debatable).

*MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda of the February 20, 2025, Board Meeting.*

#### **5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

#### **6. Guest Presentations:**

- 6.1 Sarah Vaisler (CLEO) – *Strategic Master Plan Update*

#### **7. Consent Agenda**

- 7.1 Minutes from meeting of November 21, 2024
- 7.2 Chief Librarians Report
- 7.3 Staff Report – November – January Financial Compliance Report
- 7.4 Staff Report – November Financial Report
- 7.5 Staff Report – January Financial Report
- 7.6 Committee Composition and Work Plan
- 7.7 2025 Annual Agenda/Work Plan
- 7.8 Staff Report – Q4 2024 Donations Year-End Report
- 7.9 Staff Report – Q4 2024 Board Expenses Year-End Report
- 7.10 Staff Report – Library Strategic Master Plan Update Report

The Chairperson will review the items of the consent agenda and ask if any item should be removed and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

*MOTION: That the Board approve the consent agenda as presented/amended.*

#### **8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 TAC's 2025 Black History Month Video – *The Next 10*

#### **9. Other Business**

- 9.1 TAC Update – *Hansika J. Shetty*
- 9.2 Council Update – *Regional Councillor Sterling Lee*

9.3 Internal Monitoring Reports – *E.L. 3.1 Access to Facilities and Resources*

*MOTION: That the Board has received the monitoring report for EL 3.1 Access to Facilities and Resources and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.*

Internal Monitoring Reports – *E.L. 3.4 Compensation and Benefits*

*MOTION: That the Board has received the monitoring report for EL 3.4 Compensation and Benefits and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.*

9.4 Staff Report – 2025 Operating and Capital Budget Report

*MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board approve the 2025 Operating Budget of \$7,855,800.*

9.5 2025 OLA Super Conference Overview - *Discussion*

9.6 Committee Updates

9.7 Announcements

**10. Closed Session**

10.1 Personnel Matter

*To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.*

10.2 Active Negotiations

*A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.*

**11. Adjournment**

**2025 Regular Library Board Meeting Dates**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
March 20, 2025	Rotary Room, Main Branch
April 17, 2025	Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch
May 15, 2025	TBD

Please advise the CLEO at [sarah.vaisler@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:sarah.vaisler@ajaxlibrary.ca) if you are unable to attend this meeting.