

6.1 June Meeting Minutes

Place: Main Branch, Rotary Room

Date: Thursday June 15, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller, Rebecca Hayes, Piyali Correya, Sandy

Taylor, Sepelene Deonarine, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee and Voytek Bialkowski.

Regrets: Eesha Chaudhry.

Staff: Sarah Vaisler - CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Tooral - Manager of Corporate Services
Melissa Redden - Manager of Public Services

Emilija Tasovska - Coordinator of Human Resources and Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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. Approval of the Agenda

23-06/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the

June 15, 2023, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentations

5.1 James Dirk, Director, Centre of Free Expression

James Dirk, presented to the Board a training session on intellectual freedom, public libraries, and democracy. He touched on what intellectual freedom means and its recognition in library policy, the challenges libraries are currently facing, legal limits, the growing demands for censorship and what the Board can do to support intellectual freedom and the freedom of expression.

6. Consent Agenda

23-06/02 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as

distributed.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Feedback – Rabi Martyn

Rabi expressed his love for the McLean Branch. He enjoys visiting the library to read his favorite newspapers and magazines.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update

Deferred to the September Board meeting.

8.2 Councillor Update

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

 At the June 27th Council Meeting, there will be discussion around a housing proposal located by the Go Station.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Reports – E.L. 3.9 Hiring and Termination of Staff

23-06/03 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes

Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for EL 3.9 Hiring and Termination of Staff and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Determination of the Nature and Cost of Governance Initiatives for 2024

The budget for the Cost of Governance Initiatives for 2024 has increased to \$11,600 to support the new Board Members training requirements.

8.5 Committee Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review – No updates.

Community Engagement – the committee prepared a report to go to Council on June 19th.

Board Development – No updates.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

23-06/04 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Piyali Correya

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Next meeting: Wednesday July 12, 2023

7:00 p.m. Main Branch, Rotary Room.