



Ajax Public Library

Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

6.1 June 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Place: Rotary Room, Main Branch

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Voytek Bialkowski, Piyali Correya (Chair), Mallik Fernando, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller, Sepelene Deonarine

Regrets: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Hayes

Staff:

Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
Melissa Redden	- Manager of Public Service
Laura McEwan	- Coordinator of Collection Services
Sai Mahendran	- Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Mississauga's 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

24-06/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Malik Fernando

Motion that the Board approves the agenda of the June 20, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentation:

5.1 Laura McEwan, Coordinator of Collection Services

Laura McEwan provided an update on the Library Collection Services, including key accomplishments, challenges, relevant statistics, and upcoming initiatives. Laura fielded questions from the Board on weeding and increasing circulation.

6. Consent Agenda

Item 6.2 – CLEO Report was added as item 8.7 in Other Business

24-06/02

Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones
Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion that the Board approves the Consent Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Testimonial – Heather Tucker

Heather Tucker, a dedicated member of Ajax Public Library for 45 years, shared her testimonial on the Library's significant role in the community. She highlighted her continuous engagement with the Library, from participating in children's programs such as story time and summer reading, to being actively involved in book clubs.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update – Rachael Wright, TAC, Co-President

TAC is holding a Study Hall program from June 15 to 23, 2024. Rachael distributed bookmarks created by the Marketing team in support of the Teen Summer Reading Club. The Board received an update on the upcoming TAC events including Dessert Night, weekly Book Club, training for new TAC members, and a Library Walk-in.

Sepelene Deonarine joined the meeting at 7:39pm

8.2 Council Update – Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee shared with the Board a discussion of the annual \$10 million cost associated with the influx of migrants and refugees into the Region. The Regional meeting focused on the potential winding down of this funding by the end of 2024. Councillor Lee informed the Board about the preliminary discussions of about the redevelopment of the Pickering Village and the possible inclusion of a Library branch.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.9 Hiring and Termination of Staff

24-06/03 Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones
Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report 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 2025 Board Budget

24-06/04 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board agrees the current budget of \$11,600 will remain the same for the following year.

CARRIED

8.5 Committee Updates

Board Education Committee – The committee will maintain the existing Board Education programs and resources.

8.6 Announcements

None.

8.7 Chief Librarian's Report

Voytek requested more information on the KitKeeper cybersecurity update highlighted in the report. This discussion was moved into closed session.

Sepelene Deonarine left meeting at 8:09 pm

9. Closed Session (8:10 p.m.)

9.1 Personnel Matter & Security of Property

24-06/05 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall Jones

Motion that the Board moves into closed session. 

CARRIED

Open Meeting (9:05 p.m.)

No decisions were made in Closed Session.

24-06/06 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board receives the CLEO Report.
CARRIED

24-06/07 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Malik Fernando

Motion that the Board excuses Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi's absence from the June Board meeting and that to maintain her trustee status she must attend the next scheduled Board meeting.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07p.m.

24-06/08 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Malik Fernando

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Next meeting:

Thursday September 19, 2024
7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch.