



Ajax Public Library

Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

6.1 September 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Place: Rotary Room, Main Branch

Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Piyali Correya (Chair), Mallik Fernando, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall Jones, Sepelene Deonarine, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Hayes

Regrets: Voytek Bialkowski, Douglas Miller

Staff:

Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
Melissa Redden	- Manager of Public Service
Sarah Dodge	- Coordinator of Community Engagement
Sai Mahendran	- Executive Assistant
Elaine Lievaart	- Community Engagement Associate

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

24-09/01

Moved by: Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion that the Board approves the agenda of the
September 19, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentation:

5.1 Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC)

OAAC Member Linda Hodgins-Woods outlined the ways the Older Adults Advisory Committee engages, educates, empowers, enriches, and entertains seniors using Library services, highlighting initiatives such as Project Makerspace, and the Caregivers Guide and Thinking Ahead series. Linda fielded questions from Board members about the challenges of connecting with new Canadian immigrants.

6. Consent Agenda

24-09/02

Moved by: Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board approves the Consent Agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Testimonial – TD SRC Volunteer Kaitlyn

Kaitlyn expressed her enthusiasm for volunteering with the TD Summer Reading Club, appreciating the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of people. Kaitlyn's personal experiences with her younger brother have inspired her ongoing commitment to working with children.

7.2 Save Our School Libraries Campaign Sheet from Ontario Library Association (OLA)

CLEO outlined the significance and impact of the Save Our School Libraries campaign from Ontario Library Association.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update

No Updates – TAC members were not available for the meeting due to the upcoming TAC executive election.

8.2 Council Update – Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee shared with the Board the Ontario’s Big City Mayors’ “Solve the Crisis” campaign to raise awareness among provincial and federal governments about the growing issue of homelessness. Councillor shared that he will be the new host the second season of TOA Talks podcast. The final budget for both the Town of Ajax and the Region will be finalized in December 2024.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.10 Staff Treatment Policy

24-09/03 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report EL 3.10 Staff Treatment Policy and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Review of Board Training Policy and Procedures

24-09/04 Moved by: Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion that the Board approves the Board Training Policy and Procedures as presented.

CARRIED

8.5 Committee Updates

Community Engagement Committee – The committee meeting is scheduled for October, with the report to Council to be submitted in November 2024.

8.6 Announcements

The Board Holiday dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

24-09/05 Moved by: Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next meeting: Thursday October 17, 2024
7:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch.