

6.1 April Meeting Minutes

Place: Audley Branch, Multipurpose Room

Date: Thursday April 20, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Piyali Correya, Sepelene Deonarine, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah

McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller, Sandy Taylor, and Voytek Bialkowski.

Regrets: Eesha Chaudhry and Rebecca Hayes.

Staff: Sarah Vaisler - CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer

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

Emilija Tasovska - Corporate Services Human Resources Assistant

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 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

23-04/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Piyali Correya

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the

April 20, 2023, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentations: 2022 Audited Financial Statements – Lilian Cheung and Zac Lamb, Deloitte LLP

Lillian Cheung, Partner at Deloitte LLP, presented the audited 2022 Financial Statements for the Board's review and approval. Ms. Cheung fielded questions and provided an explanation of the auditing process and final results.

Regional Councillor joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

The following items were pulled and added to other business:

- 6.9 Staff Report Staff Training Update.
- 6.10 Staff Report Archives Update.
- 6.11 Staff Report Makerspace Tender Results and Funding.

23-04/02 Moved by: Doug Miller

Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as

amended.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Feedback

Customer Tulasika shared her experience with the McLean Branch. The resourceful staff assisted her in regaining interest in causal reading following the completion of her educational studies.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update, Guest: Rachel Wright

Rachel Wright reported that the Teen Advisory Committee is preparing for their annual HeARTbeat Art Show that begins in May at the Main Branch. The committee is currently in the process of planning a Movie Night and a Bingo Reading program. There is also a pilot project for a Saturday book club for teens.

8.2 Councillor Update

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

- Motion passed requesting support from the province for further resources and regulations regarding short term rental properties such as Airbnb.
- Motion passed supporting the declaration of emergency for intimate partner violence.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.2 Asset Protection

23-04/03 Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski

Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for E.L. 3.2 Asset Protection and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy

and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.6 Financial Condition

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

Seconded by: Piyali Correya

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for E.L. 3.6 Financial Condition and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the

policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Board Report – Board Staff Relationship Policies Review

23-04/05 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion that the Board acknowledge the review of

the Ajax Public Library Board's "Board/Staff

Relationship Policies", 2.1-2.6.

CARRIED

8.5 Staff Report – 2022 Audited Financial Statements

23-04/06 Moved by: Doug Miller

Seconded by: Piyali Correya

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve

the audited financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

23-04/07 Moved by: Deborah McDougall

Seconded by: Voytek Bailkowski

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 to the Town of Ajax's Library Capital reserve to be used for the Library

Makerspace project.

CARRIED

23-04/08 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve the transfer of \$67,680 to the Town of Ajax to be

used at Council's discretion.

CARRIED

8.6 Committee Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review - No updates.

Community Engagement – No updates.

Board Development – No updates.

8.7 Staff Training Update

Voytek inquired what types of costs were included in the 1% target. Staff discussed that training and travel related to training were covered under this line item.

23-04/09 Moved by: Voytek Bailkowski

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion to approve the Staff Training Update.

CARRIED

8.8 Archives Update

Doug congratulated staff on the work accomplished in the Archives development. A tour of the Archives will take place at the June Board Meeting at Main Branch.

23-04/10 Moved by: Doug Miller

Seconded by: Voytek Bailkowski

Motion to approve the Archives Update.

CARRIED

8.9 Makerspace Tender Results and Funding

Sepelene inquired about the overbudget line for the Makerspace project. Staff clarified the unforeseen project costs and inflation as driving the increase.

23-04/11 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Deborah

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board authorizes the repayment of additional Makerspace construction costs of \$222,724.91 through annual payments from in-year surpluses, grants, and/or sponsorships as funding is available.

CARRIED

8.10 Chief Librarian Report

Sepelene inquired on customer incidents and what may lead to banning from the premises. This may occur should a customer breach the Ajax Public Library Code of Conduct. There was also discussion around the Drag Queen Storytime event and that there will be a variety of mitigation techniques to ensure a successful event.

23-04/12 Moved by: Sepelene Deonarine

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion to approve the Chief Librarian Report.

CARRIED

9. Closed Session

23-04/13 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Voytek

Motion to move into closed session.

CARRIED

23-04/14 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion to exit closed session.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

23-04/15 Moved by: Deborah McDougall

Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Next meeting: Thursday May 18, 2023

7:00 p.m. Audley Branch, Multipurpose Room.