



# Ajax Public Library

## Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

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### 6.1 March Meeting Minutes

**Place:** Zoom

**Date:** Thursday March 16, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Eesha Chaudhry, Piyali Correya, Sepelene Deonarine, Rebecca Hayes, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Douglas Miller, Sandy Taylor, and Voytek Bialkowski.

**Regrets:** Deborah McDougall Jones.

**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
- Christofer Zorn - Coordinator of Information Technology

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

23-03/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Piyali Correya

That the Board approve the agenda of the March  
16, 2023 Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

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#### **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

#### **5. Guest Presentations: Christofer Zorn, Ajax Public Library, Technology Coordinator**

Christofer Zorn, Coordinator of Technology presented on the Ajax Public Library public facing and staff supporting technology functions, 2022 key accomplishments, usage statistics on mobile app, public catalogue and children's area armadillos. Chris highlighted the 2023 technology goals and projects.

Sepelene Deonarine joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

Item 6.7 Staff Report – 2023 Operating and Capital Budget was pulled for further discussion as item 8.9 in Other Business.

23-03/02      Moved by: Doug Miller  
                    Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **7. Correspondence**

##### **7.1 Customer Feedback**

Deferred to the April Board Meeting

#### **8. Other Business**

##### **8.1 TAC Update, Guest: Sucharita Desu**

Deferred to the April Board Meeting.

##### **8.2 Councillor Update**

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

- Budget has been passed; budget meeting will take place at the end of March.
- The Durham Region and Ajax budget will see an increase of approximately 5.7%.

##### **8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.5 – Emergency Executive Succession**

23-03/03      Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski  
                    Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

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That the Board receives the monitoring report for E.L. 3.5 Emergency Executive Succession and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.4 Board Report – Constitution and By-Law Revision**

23-03/04 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes  
Seconded by: Doug Miller

That the Board approve the Ajax Public Library Board's Constitution and By-Law as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.5 Advocacy for harm reduction site in Ajax**

A Briefing Note was distributed to the Board members discussing safe consumption sites in communities for the board's information.

23-03/05 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Move to support for a safe consumption site in Ajax by writing Regional Council and copying MPPs, local Council, and all regional municipalities.

**CARRIED**

23-03/06 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to rescind motion 23-03/04, that supports a safe consumption site in Ajax by writing Regional Council and copying MPPs, local Council, and all regional municipalities.

**CARRIED**

23-03/07 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to defer discussion until the Board receives consultation with the Town of Ajax, Homeless Task Force.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.6 Overview of Governance Training**

Board Governance training took place on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were Piyali Correya, Voytek Bialkowski, Rebecca Hayes, Deborah McDougall and Sepelene Deonarine. Board members in attendance found it very informative and enjoyed the discussions.

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## 8.7 Board Mentorship Opportunities

Board members are invited to put forth their name to be a mentor or a mentees. There was a discussion about increasing networking opportunities with other library boards.

## 8.8 Committee Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review – No updates.

Community Engagement – No updates.

Board Development – No updates.

## 8.9 Staff Report – 2023 Operating and Capital Budget

Rebecca Hayes asked questions to better understand the process of the budget and what certain line items consist of.

23-03/08 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Piyali Correya

To approve the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget.  
**CARRIED**

## 9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

23-03/09 Moved by: Doug Miller  
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion to adjourn the meeting.  
**CARRIED**

Next meeting: Thursday April 20, 2023  
7:00 p.m. Audley Branch, Multipurpose Room.