



Ajax Public Library

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6.1 March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Place: Rotary Room, Main Branch

Date: March 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: None.

Staff:	Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
	Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
	Melissa Redden	- Manager of Public Service
	Emilija Tasovska	- Coordinator of Corporate Services
	Kiley Percy	- Coordinator of Marketing and Communications

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**

24-03/01

Moved by: Deborah McDougall
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the
March 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentation: Jason McWilliams, Town of Ajax, Deputy Clerk, Strong Mayor's Powers

Jason McWilliams presented to the Board a review of strong mayors powers and mayoral vacancies. Jason fielded questions from the Board on how these changes impact the Library and Board.

Sepelene Deonarine joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

Items 6.6 Annual Agenda and 6.7 Staff Report – Annual Agenda, were pulled for further discussion in Other Business as items 8.7 and 8.8.

24-03/02

Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahab

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Testimonial – Hira Bokharee

Hira Bokharee is thrilled with the opportunities that the Makerspace brings to the community. Her two teenage sons have been passionate library customers at the McLean Branch for the last 10 years. They have learned how to use the sewing machines and the instruments in "The Booth". They were able to tap into their creativity to create gifts for their teachers and cousins.

8. Other Business

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

TAC had two teen programs last week, Bag Painting and an Escape Room, that were very successful. They are working on their teen programs for this coming summer where students can apply through Event Bite. This year the Teen Summer Reading Program will have a pizza party and raffle prizes. They are also organizing a desert night for June.

8.2 Council Update – Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

The Town portion of the property tax was previously reported as an increase of 7.59%. The Regional budget meeting will take place next week, anticipating a combined percentage increase of 6.58%. The Town is currently in year 1 of 10, in the revamped transit strategy.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.5 – Emergency Executive Succession

24-03/03 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion 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

24-03/04 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
Seconded by: Doug Milller

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

CARRIED

8.5 Committee Updates

No Updates.

8.6 Announcements

None.

8.7 Annual Agenda

Doug Miller highlighted the changes that were indicated on the Annual Agenda.

24-03/05 Moved by: Doug Miller
Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board approve the Annual Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

8.8 Staff Report – Annual Agenda

Doug Miller suggested a title change on page 38 from "Budget" to "Financials".

24-03/06 Moved by: Doug Miller
Seconded by: Deborah McDougal

Motion that the Board approved the 2023 Annual Report as amended.

CARRIED

