6.1 May 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Place: Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch

Date: May 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Voytek Bialkowski, Piyali Correya (Chair), Sepelene Deonarine, Mallik Fernando,

Rebecca Hayes, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas

Miller

Regrets: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair)

Staff: Sarah Vaisler - CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer

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

Emilija Tasovska - Coordinator of Corporate Services

Sai Mahendran - Executive 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 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.

Rebecca joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

3. Approval of the Agenda

24-05/01 Moved by: Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the

May 16, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentation:

5.1 2023 Audited Financial Statement - Steve Stephen, Deloitte LLP

Steve provided a thorough analysis of the Library Board's 2023 financial performance. His presentation included a detailed review of the year-end report, draft financial statements, and significant audit risks. Steve reported to the Board that the 2023 financial audit identified no financial discrepancies.

5.2 PFLAG Durham Education & Community Presentation – Sarah Earl, Chapter Lead, PFLAG Durham.

Sarah Earl read the land acknowledgement adopted by PFLAG. She subsequently delved into a concise history of PFLAG, while incorporating her own experiences that exemplified its growth. She discussed the development of biases and challenges faced in the 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Sarah emphasized the significance of fostering awareness within the community by leveraging events such as Drag Queen Story Time.

6. Consent Agenda

Item 8.10 – Donor Recognition was added as an additional item in Other Business.

24-05/02 Moved by: Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as

presented.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Testimonial – TAC Members Zera & Suraiyya

Zera and Suraiyya commended the Library's Study Kit program, highlighting its appeal to teenagers due to the availability of complimentary refreshments. They highlighted the program's significance in motivating high school students to engage in studying during a demanding academic period.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update – Raneek, TAC Member

TAC is running a successful art exhibition called HeARTBeat, showcasing 20 pieces of outstanding high-school student artwork. The reception for the HeARTBeat Art Show is on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. This summer TAC is planning a party for TAC members, a scavenger hunt named "Late Night," and a book club event.

8.2 Council Update – Regional Councillor – Sterling Lee

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee informed the Board about the introduction of Bill 185 by the Ontario Government, titled "Cutting Red Tape to Building More Homes Act". Councillor Lee advised the Board that cost reductions won't be realized within the current budgetary cycle, however it is expected to result in positive outcomes in the long term. Councillor Lee also provided an update on the unveiling of the Town of Ajax Signature Sign, which occurred on May 13, 2024.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.2 Asset Protection

24-05/03 Moved by: Vyotek Bialkowski

Seconded by: Sterling Lee

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for *EL 3.2 Asset Protection* and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and

evidence of compliance.

Internal Monitoring Report – EL 3.6 Financial Condition

24-05/04 Moved by: Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for *EL 3.6 Financial Condition* and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and

evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

CARRIED

8.4 Staff Report – 2023 Audited Financial Statements

24-05/05 Moved by: Deborah McDougall

Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve

the audited financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

8.5 Board Report – Revision to Executive Limitations 3.8 and 3.11

24-05/06 Moved by: Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion that the Board approve the revised Executive

Limitations 3.8 and 3.11 as presented.

CARRIED

8.6 Staff Report – Board Donations

Rebecca Hayes expressed her sincere appreciation to the staff for their prompt turnaround of the report.

24-05/07 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes

Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion that the Board approve the increased Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) membership donation to support First Nations Public

Libraries from \$50 to \$500.

CARRIED

8.7 Committee Updates

Community Engagement Committee – The committee held a meeting to finalize the report to Council, which is now formally submitted.

8.8 OLS Board Assembly – *Discussion*

Following the Ontario Library Service Board assembly meeting, Sepelene shared key conversation points, such as the distinctions between the Ontario Library Association (OLA) and the Ontario Library Service (OLS), partnerships, and upcoming events.

8.9 Announcements

None.

8.10 Donor Recognition

Sterling inquired about the possibility of installing a donor wall at the Audley and McLean Branch. Sarah acknowledged the suggestion and indicated that she would report back in September.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m.

24-05/08 Moved by: Deborah McDougall

Seconded by: Sterling Lee

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Next meeting: Thursday June 20. 2024

7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch.