



Ajax Public Library

Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

6.1 May Meeting Minutes

Place: Audley Branch, Multipurpose Room

Date: Thursday May 18, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sepelene Deonarine, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Rebecca Hayes, Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller, Sandy Taylor, and Voytek Bialkowski.

Regrets: Eesha Chaudhry and Piyali Correya.

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 7:01 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

23-05/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the
May 18, 2023, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentations

5.1 Homelessness Panel Presentation

Presenters:

- Marla Walters, Shelter & Community Outreach Director, and Heather McMillan, Manager, Ajax Hub
- Beth Whalen, Coordinator, Harm Reduction Services
- Adrian Betts, ACDR Executive Director and Dane Record, PARN Executive Director

The presenters shared their unique programs that assist the homeless population. There was round table discussion regarding the resources available to those in need in the Ajax community for harm reduction, safe consumption sites, education, housing and support.

23-05/02 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion to move item *8.4 Board Report - Safe Consumption Sites* from 8. Other Business, to 5.1 Guest Presentation.

CARRIED

23-05/03 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion that the Board directs staff to write a letter in support of a consumption treatment site in Ajax and that it is distributed to the Regional Council, Durham Region MPPs, local Council, and all Durham Region municipalities and libraries.

CARRIED

5.2 Monteith Brown, Preliminary Master Plans Results, Anand Desai and Rose Vespa

Anand and Rose presented a high-level overview of the Strategic Master Plan, to bring the Board up to speed with the progress that has been made since their previous presentation in February. They discussed the project overview, how they engaged with the community, what information they were able to gather, trends influencing the library and strategic pillars.

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

Motion to receive as recommendation.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda

23-05/05 Moved by: Sepelene Deonarine
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Feedback – James Galanis

James enjoyed the 3D Printer Program at the Ajax Public Library. He was able to get 3D printer certified by the helpful and resources staff. Through this program he was able to 3D print trophies for his video game competition.

7.2 Herizon House – Thank You Letter

Ajax Public Library received a thank you letter from the Herizon House regarding the donation of cleaning products. This donation was in response to the library's declaration of a scent free space as on March 21, 2023.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update

Sucharita Desi reported that in May the HeArtBeat art gallery will be displayed in the Rotary Room at the Main Branch, with the reception taking place on May 25th. They also have summer programs such as Book Bingo, Grease theme movie day, library lock ins with study kits provided, and craft kit events.

8.2 Councillor Update

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

- Motion passed at the Region for a building plan up to year 2051.
- St. Francis Centre is introducing new programs, they are hosting a Trivia Night May 26th.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Reports – E.L. 3.8 – General Executive Constraint Policy

23-05/06 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report for EL 3.8 General Executive Constraint and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.5 Committee Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review – No updates.

Community Engagement – No updates.

Board Development – No updates.

9. Closed Session

23-05/07 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion to move into closed session.
CARRIED

23-05/08 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion to adopt the recommendations in closed session.

CARRIED

23-05/09 Moved by: Deborah McDougall
Seconded by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Motion to exit closed session.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

23-05/10 Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Thursday June 15, 2023
7:00 p.m. Main Branch, Rotary Room.