



# Ajax Public Library

## Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

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### 6.1 May Meeting Minute

**Place:** Virtual Meeting, Zoom

**Date:** Thursday, May 27, 2021

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

**Present:** Sepelene Deonarine, Aisha Francis, Noel Green, Marcela Killin, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall, Douglas Miller, Matthew Tapscott (Chair) and Sandy Taylor.

**Regrets:** None.

**Staff:**

Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
Cindy Poon	- Manager of Public Services
Emilija Tasovska	- Corporate Services HR 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.

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

21-05/01

Moved by: Councilor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Noel Green

To approve the *Agenda* as distributed.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts of interest were declared.

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5. **Guest Presentation:** Teen Advisory Council (TAC), Georgina de Roche

Georgina de Roche, Youth Services Librarian and Teen Advisory Council team members Tristan Parkman, Vaishnavi Ratnasabapathy, Abhi Vaishnav and Pragash Thevasingha presented to the Library Board the TAC mandate and goals. The TAC members discussed their current programs, Black History Month events, HeARTbeat Art Show, special guests and future projects.

6. **Consent Agenda**

21-05/02

Moved by: Noel Green  
Seconded by: Marcela Killin

To approve the *Consent Agenda* as distributed.

**CARRIED**

7. **Correspondence**

None.

8. **Other Business**

**8.1 Council Update**

- Councillor Sterling Lee is now the Regional representative for the Business Advisory Council of Durham and a member of the Durham Local Community Housing Organization.
- Town of Ajax has reported a surplus for the 2020 Budget, this surplus will be relocated to project reserves that need funding.
- Councillor Sterling Lee has announced his acceptance of Deputy Mayor title.

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

21-05/03

Moved by: Noel Green  
Seconded by: Councillor Sterling Lee

That the Board has received the internal monitoring report for the *E.L. 3.8 General Executive Constraint Policy* and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of partial compliance.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Board Assemblies Training Update**

Deborah MacDougall attended the Ontario Library Services event on May 5<sup>th</sup> virtually. She reported on her experience and shared with the Library Board the highlights of conversations that took place at the assembly.

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#### 8.4 Board Report - ABR Committee Work Plan

Sepelene Deonarine, Chair of the Anti-Black Racism Committee shared with the Library Board the goals and work plan completed by the committee. The Terms of Reference will be presenting at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

21-05/04

Moved by: Aisha Francis  
Seconded by: Sandy Taylor

Motion to receive the report for information.

**CARRIED**

#### 8.5 Committee Chair Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal Committee – No update.

Ends Policy Committee – No update.

Policy Review Committee – No update.

Community Engagement Committee – Doug Miller is now Chair of the committee. The draft report to go to the June Council meeting is ready, which will be circulated to the Board for review.

Board Training/Annual Agenda Committee – No update.

Gaps Analysis Committee – No Update.

#### 9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

21-05/05

Moved by: Noel Green  
Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

To adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Next meeting:

Thursday, June 24, 2021  
7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting, via Zoom.