



Ajax Public Library

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7.1 October 19, Meeting Minutes

Place: Makerspace, McLean Branch

Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deborah McDougall Jones, Doug Miller, Mallik Fernando, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi, Piyali Correya, Rebecca Hayes, Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Sepelene Deonarine and Voytek Bialkowski.

Regrets: None.

Staff:

- Sarah Vaisler - CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
- Jason Tooral - Manager of Corporate Services
- Melissa Redden - Manager of Public Services
- Emilija Tasovska - Coordinator of Human Resources and Corporate Services
- Jacqueline Pitt - Executive 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

23-10/01

Moved by: Doug Miller

Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the October 19, 2023, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Presentation - Community Engagement Team Update: 2023 Accomplishments, Sarah Dodge - Library's Coordinator of Community Engagement.

Sarah Dodge, Coordinator of Community Engagement, presented to the Board the community engagement functions review, key accomplishments: by the numbers, committees and volunteers and on deck projects.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

23-10/02

Moved by: Piyali Correya

Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Customer Feedback – Heather Tucker

Deferred to the November meeting.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update – Rachael Wright

Rachel Wright, President of the Teen Advisory Committee, report there is a Halloween Party this coming Saturday. Events taking place this month are Band Book Week, Love Your Library Week and Library Appreciation Week. With the Makerspace grand opening on Saturday October 28th, the TAC committee will utilize the recording booth for their future podcast episodes.

8.2 Councillor Update

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

- On behalf of the Ajax Council, a letter was sent of advocacy to the province for a 10% share of the provincial HST funds to help with budget restraints.
- Regional Council and the Finance Committee to work on budget options during the November meeting for opportunities that can decrease the tax rate for Ajax.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Reports – E.L. 3.3 Communication and Counsel to the Board

23-10/03

Moved by: Mallik Fernando

Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board receive the monitoring report *E.L. 3.3 Communication and Counsel to the Board* and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

Internal Monitoring Reports - E.L. 3.7 Financial Planning/Budgeting Policy

23-10/04 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
 Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board receive the monitoring report *E.L. 3.7 Financial Planning/Budgeting Policy* and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Staff Report - 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budget

23-10/05 Moved by: Doug Miller
 Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion to approve the 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budget.

CARRIED

8.5 Committee Composition, Assignments and Updates

CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review – As the new Strategic Master Plan has been implemented, there will be a revamp of the Ends with the recommendation being brought to the Board at the November meeting.

Community Engagement – Committee working on the fall report to Council. The winners of the Bookmark contest will also be present at the Council meeting.

Board Development – No updates.

8.6 Announcement

Sterling announced he is a new Board Member of Girls Incorporated Ajax. They are hosting a fundraiser event “Power of the Purse” on November 3rd at the Audley Recreation Centre. Tickets available [here](#).

9. Closed Session

23-10/06 Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi
Seconded by: Doug Miller

Motion to move into closed session.
CARRIED

23-10/07 Moved by: Rebecca Hayes
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion to exit closed session.
CARRIED

23-10/08 Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion to approve the motions approved in closed session.
CARRIED

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

23-10/09 Moved by: Doug Miller
Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion to adjourn the meeting.
CARRIED

Next meeting: Thursday November 16, 2023
7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch