



# Ajax Public Library

## Ajax Public Library Board Minutes

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### 7.1 September 21, Meeting Minutes

**Place:** Rotary Room, Main Branch

**Date:** September 21, 2023

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

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

**Regrets:** Doug Miller, Rebecca Hayes

**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 7:00 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 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. Chair Appointment

23-09/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

That nominations for Chair are open.

**CARRIED**

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23-09/02 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

That nominations for Chair are closed.

**CARRIED**

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee accepts and assumes the position of Chair.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

23-09/03 Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski  
Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board approve the agenda of the  
September 21, 2023, Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**6. Presentation - Christie McLardie, Town of Ajax Manager of Public and Strategic Affairs, presenting the Town of Ajax Strategic Plan.**

Christie McLardie presented to the Library Board, the Town of Ajax 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. She discussed the priorities and purpose of the plan, guide to decision making, shape of workplans and budget, as well as the action plan to deliver the promises to the community. The 3 pillars are:

- Pillar 1 - Connecting to the community.
- Pillar 2 – Growing the community.
- Pillar 3 – Modernizing the community.

**7. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

23-09/04 Moved by: Mallik Fernando  
Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as  
distributed.

**CARRIED**

**8. Correspondence**

**8.1 Correspondence from MPP Patrice Barnes**

MPP Patrice Barnes extended her gratitude for the contributions to the Senior's Appreciation Luncheon on June 22, 2023, at the Audley Recreation Centre.

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## 8.2 Customer Feedback – Samely Barcacio

Samely Barcacia is a customer of the McLean Branch. As she visited the McLean Community Centre to use other amenities, she was introduced to the library and the vast services and resources the library has available to the public. She is thankful for having access to the library which allowed her to fall in love with reading.

## 9. Other Business

### 9.1 TAC Update – Rachael Wright

Rachel Wright reported to the Library Board that the TAC elections will be taking place next week. The committee is working towards a Halloween Party by putting together costumes on October 11th. They are working towards a higher visibility rate on social media and are hoping that the opening of the Makerspace at the Mclean Branch will bring interest to the Teen Advisory Committee.

### 9.2 Councillor Update

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee reported:

- Council approved the construction of two 60 story towers by the GO Station.
- The Region announced the projected property taxed rate to 9.75 %.
- The Regional announced a 10 year transit plan to improve the transit system.
- Council passed motion to request the Provincial Government, a 10% share of their HST increase.

### 9.3 Internal Monitoring Reports – E.L. 3.10 Staff Treatment Policy

23-09/05      Moved by: Mallik Fernando  
                    Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Board receive the monitoring report E.L. 3.10 Staff Treatment Policy of Staff and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

**CARRIED**

### 9.4 Review of Board Training Policy and Procedures

23-09/06      Moved by: Voyek Bialkowski  
                    Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion that the Board renew the Board Training Policy and Procedures as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 9.5 Committee Composition, Assignments and Updates

The Committee Composition and Workplan will be updated with the newly appointed Board Members. The document will be circulated to the Board in the October Board Package.

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CLEO Performance Appraisal – No updates.

Policy Review – No updates.

Community Engagement – No updates.

Board Development – No updates.

### **9.6 Announcement**

Sepelene Deonarine reported that the Town's Accessibility Committee assembled a survey to canvas the Ajax community. One of the items on the questionnaire was "What services in the community do you use the most?". Ranking the highest on the survey at 61%, the library was voted the most used resource in the community.

### **10. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

23-09/07

Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi  
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Next meeting:

Thursday October 19, 2023  
7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch