



Ajax Public Library

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7.1 November 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Place: Rotary Room, Main Branch

Date: November 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Piyali Correya (Chair), Mallik Fernando, Deborah McDougall Jones, Sepelene Deonarine, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair), Voytek Bialkowski, Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Regrets: Douglas Miller, Rebecca Hayes

Staff:

Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
Melissa Redden	- Manager of Public Service
Anna Galanis	- Coordinator of Customer Service
Sai Mahendran	- Executive Assistant
Chris Zorn	- Coordinator of Corporate Technology

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

24-11/01

Moved by: Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board approves the agenda of the November 21, 2024, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Guest Presentation:

5.1 Christofer Zorn (Coordinator of Corporate Technology) – Makerspace Update

Chris Zorn presented key accomplishments of the Makerspace, including initiatives such as "Sundays are for Makers" and the Makers Making Change partnership. He shared use statistics (i.e. foot traffic, program attendance, and popular equipment).

5.2 Anna Galanis (Coordinator of Customer Service) – Service Area Update

Anna Galanis provided an overview of the Library's Customer Service functions, emphasizing key accomplishments such as reaching 45,000 active cardholders and free printing for resumes/government documents. A video highlighted the lasting impact of Library staff.

6. Consent Agenda

24-11/02

Moved by: Sterling Lee

Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board approves the Consent Agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 2025 Design-A-Bookmark Contest Winners (Video)

A video compilation of the 2025 Library Bookmark Contest Winners was presented to the Board.

8. Other Business

8.1 TAC Update – Hansika J. Shetty

No Updates – TAC representatives were not available for the meeting.

8.2 Council Update – Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Sterling Lee provided an update on the preliminary 2025 budget. Deputy Mayor Lee emphasized the infrastructural levy's significant impact, though its continuation is uncertain, and discussed the feasibility of building recreational centers for municipalities.

8.3 Internal Monitoring Report – E.L. 3.11 Treatment of Customers

24-11/03 Moved by: Mallik Fernando
 Seconded by: Deborah McDougall Jones

Motion that the Board receives the monitoring report EL 3.11 Treatment of Customers to the Board and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

CARRIED

8.4 Draft 2025 Annual Agenda and Work Plan

The Draft 2025 Annual Agenda and Workplan was distributed to the Board for information.

24-11/04 Moved by: Sterling Lee
 Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board adopts the Draft 2025 Annual Agenda and Work Plan as presented.

CARRIED

8.5 Board Report – Review Board Governance Process Policies

24-11/05 Moved by: Sterling Lee
 Seconded by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Motion that the Board approves and adopts the Governance Process Policies as presented.

CARRIED

8.6 Committee Updates

None.

8.7 OLA Super Conference

Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Sterling Lee requested the Board's approval to attend the 2025 OLA super conference with reimbursement of expenses as per the Board Training Policy and Procedures.

24-11/06 Moved by: Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the Board approves Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Sterling Lee's full registration and accommodation expenses to attend the 2025 OLA Super Conference.

CARRIED

8.7 Announcements

Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Sterling Lee informed the Board of the upcoming Santa Claus Parade happening on Saturday November 23, 2024.

9. Closed Session (Commenced at 7:51 p.m.)

24-11/07 Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones
Seconded by: Sterling Lee

Motion that the Board move into Closed Session

CARRIED

Open Meeting (8:00 p.m.)

Ratify Decisions made in Closed Session

24-11/08 Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion that all decisions approved in the Closed Session be ratified.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

24-11/09 Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones
Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Thursday February 20, 2025
7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch.