



Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 24, 2023

*The Count of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: May 24, 2023

Place: Burford Branch

Present: Kari Raymer Bishop, Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding,
Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Marilyn Sewell

Regrets: David Bailey, Jennifer Kyle, Linda Tripp

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: S. Howes

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2023 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

K. Bernstein provided a verbal update on New Main Branch progress. Significant progress has been made on a parking plan; a zoning by-law amendment application will be required as part of the site plan approval process. An Organizational Chart was presented showing the results of the management restructuring as approved by the Board in 2023.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: A. Henderson

THAT the May Safety Talk be received as information.

Carried

Correspondence

Written correspondence from Danny Teves and the response from K. Bernstein were reviewed. F. Gladding to respond on behalf of Board. The Board welcomes correspondence as it shows a high level of community engagement.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the correspondence be received, and the Chair responds on behalf of the Board.

Carried

Library Board Development

A joint statement from the public libraries of Durham Region regarding Drag Queen Storytime was shared. A Drag Queen Storytime is planned at the Library in June. Registration will be required and information will be shared with the community to address any misconceptions surrounding Drag Queen Storytime. The Board reiterated its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports

K. Bernstein reported a small net increase in circulation. A large increase in online traffic was noted. Community lead programs have been separated from regular adult programming statistics to better reflect staff time and engagement. April finance report shows budget remains on track. Friends of The Library Booksale revenue was approximately \$700. Summer

Read-it Tutors have been hired. The Library has been asked to host the Paris Chamber of Commerce's June members meeting.

P. Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

Moved by: S. Howes

Seconded by: M. Sewell

THAT the reports be received for information.

Carried

LS 25: Programs Policy (draft) was presented for approval.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the Programs Policy be approved as presented.

Carried

New Business

None.

Council Updates

S. Howes shared news and information from Council with the Board.

Next Meeting

June 28, 2023 at 7pm, at the Scotland-Oakland Branch.

Adjournment

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.

Meeting adjourned.