



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 22, 2023

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

**Date:** March 22, 2023

**Place:** Paris Branch

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**Present:** David Bailey, Kari Raymer Bishop, Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Marilyn Sewell, Linda Tripp

**Regrets:** Christine Garneau

**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: L. Tripp

Seconded by: A. Henderson

THAT the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

### Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: P. Chorpitta

Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop

THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2022 regular meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### Business Arising

K. Bernstein provided a verbal update on New Main Branch progress. Pre-qualification of demolition contractors is anticipated to begin in March. A proposed budget and business plan should be ready for Council consideration in late spring.

### **Consent Items to be Received – Communications**

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the March Safety Talk and the February 2023 JHSC Minutes be received as information.

**Carried**

### **Library Board Development**

The Board viewed an excerpt from the television episode “TVO Today: Is This the Era of the Library?” and discussed the significance of libraries responding to community needs and acting as a third space. The Board also viewed and discussed the video “Advocacy Primer for New Boards and Councils”.

### **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 provided a verbal report on output measures to March 31, 2022. Monthly statistics are stabilizing from pandemic fluctuations. An increase in e-Audiobook use is attributed to recent bestseller releases such as *Spare* by Prince Harry. K. Bernstein summarized the monthly Operating Statement and advised that some budget lines, such as Magazines and Periodicals, are nearly spent out already because payment for annual subscriptions occurs early in the year.

P. Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the reports be received for information.

**Carried**

N. Etherington presented draft amendments to policies LS 32: Lockdown and Secure and LS 10: Rules of Conduct.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the policies LS10: Rules of Conduct and LS 32: Lockdown and Secure be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**New Business**

K. Bernstein presented the Library's draft 2022 Annual Report. The Board noted excellent performance results in new member registrations and circulation.

Moved by: S. Howes

Seconded by: L. Tripp

THAT the 2022 Annual Report be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**Council Updates**

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

**Next Meeting**

April 26, 2023 at 7pm, at the St. George Branch.

**Adjournment**

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

**Meeting adjourned.**