

NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2020
Victoria Avenue Library Board Room

PRESENT: A. Andres-Jones (Chair), J. Anstruther (Vice-Chair), B. Ness, T. Tredwell, K. Tsiantoulas
REGRETS: K. Letourneau
STAFF: A. Subnaik Kilgour, K. Rimnyak

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:29 pm with the absence of a quorum

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT WAS READ INTO THE MINUTES

The Chonnonton people have called these lands where we are gathering home for thousands of years and more recently, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory. We would like to acknowledge the enduring resilience of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who call this territory home.

1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motions passed to be ratified with a quorum reached at arrival of K. Tsiantoulas

MOTION: 2020-12 To approve the agenda of February 19, 2020

Moved BY: J. Anstruther

SECONDED BY: B. Ness

MOTION CARRIED

2) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: 2020-13 To accept the minutes of January 23, 2020

Moved BY: J. Anstruther

SECONDED BY: B. Ness

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

4) CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from customer

MOTION: 2020-14 To accept the correspondence of February 19, 2020
MOVED BY: T. Tredwell
SECONDED BY: B. Ness
MOTION CARRIED

5) BOARD INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

2020 Pre-Budget Submission, FOPL OLA
FOPL Member Advocacy Alert, FOPL OLA
Photo: *Registration for spring programming at Niagara Falls Public Library opens Monday* | The Niagara Falls Review

6) ARTICLES OF INTEREST

'It's just not legal': Library board slams Pelham council for filling CEO Position | The Niagara Falls Review
London library's Wi-Fi hotspot lending program axed after heated debate | CBC
City council eyes cuts to public library | TBNNewsWatch.com
Librarians face increasing violence on the job, Toronto Public Library figures show | CBC
Library's new door policy leaving homeless out in the cold, councillor says | CBC

4:54 pm K. Tsiantoulas arrived

Motions 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14 were ratified

7) FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) The Library cheque registers were read into the minutes

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| January 1-15, 2020 (2019 Fiscal Year) | \$136,038.79 |
| January 16-31, 2020 (2019 Fiscal Year) | \$33,453.30 |
| January 1-31, 2020 (2020 Fiscal Year) | \$13,571.28 |

MOTION: 2020-15 To accept the cheque registers of January 1-31, 2020
MOVED BY: T. Tredwell
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

b) Operating Budget – actuals as at January 31, 2020

MOTION: 2020-16 To accept the financial reports of January 31, 2020
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: B. Ness
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: 2020-17 To move into Committee-of-the-Whole
MOVED BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

The Niagara Falls Public Library Board went “in camera” at 5:35 pm to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board.

MOTION: 2020-18 To rise from Committee-of-the-Whole
MOVED BY: K. Tsiantoulas
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

The “in camera” session was completed at 6:05 pm

8) CEO REPORT

A. Subnaik Kilgour

- The City Clerk B. Matson has sent correspondence informing us that Councillor C. Ioannoni has been removed from the Niagara Falls Public Library Board for the remainder of the term
- L. Ravesi has resigned from the Niagara Falls Public Library Board
- SOLS and OLS-N have entered into an investigation for merging the two Boards into one in the hopes of being more sustainable
- A. Subnaik Kilgour along with three other Library CEO’s from the Niagara Regional Libraries made a public deputation at the Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation in Niagara Falls in support of FOPL and OLA’s pre budget submission at their request
- A. Subnaik Kilgour has stepped down as Chair of AMPLO
- Preliminary statistics for the 2019 Annual Report were provided

MOTION: 2020-19 To accept the CEO report for February 19, 2020
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: T. Tredwell
MOTION CARRIED

9) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Internet Services Policy

MOTION: 2020-20 To approve the Public Internet Services Policy effective February 19, 2020 with the word use change suggested regarding cost
MOVED BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

1. January 2020 Qualitative Statistics were provided for the Board's review
2. January 2020 Quantitative Statistics were provided for the Board's review
3. OLA Superconference Staff Report by C. Bosco was submitted to the Board

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

NEXT MEETING
4:30 PM
at Victoria Avenue Library

March 18, 2020
April 15, 2020
May 20, 2020
June 17, 2020