

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Belleville Public Library Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM by Zoom due to COVID

Present: Councillor P. Carr (Chair); G. Antworth; M. Butler; C. Feeney; G. Fraiberg; Councillor S. Kelly; B. Phieffer; M. Roberts; Councillor G. Thompson

- T. Pross, CEO; H. Dewar, Manager of Public Services;
- J. Alyea, Administrative Assistant; J. VanManen, Administrative Assistant
- **Guests:** Doug Churcher, Welch LLP Chartered Accountants
- Media: None
- **1.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Declarations of pecuniary interest by Board Members: None.

3. Motion to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 17 November 2020:

The Chair requests Item 7, 2019 Audited Financial Statements for Approval be moved ahead on the agenda to Item 4, as Mr. Churcher has another meeting to attend.

MOVED by C. Feeney, **SECONDED** by M. Roberts, THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 17 November 2020 be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

4. 2019 Audited Financial Statements for Approval:

MOVED by Councillor Kelly, **SECONDED** by B. Phieffer, THAT the 2019 Belleville Public Library Board Audited Financial Statement and the 2019 Belleville Public Library Board Trust Fund Financial Statement be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

5. Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 15 September 2020:

MOVED by G. Antworth, **SECONDED** by M. Roberts, THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 15 September 2020 be approved.

No business arising from the minutes.



6. <u>Items for Information</u>:

Statistics September and October 2020 CEO's Report Media Report Correspondence: Letter to Minister MacLeod

MOVED by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by M. Butler, to receive the Items for Information. **CARRIED**

7. Financial Statement to 31 October 2020:

MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by C. Feeney, THAT the Financial Statement to 31 October 2020 be approved. **CARRIED**

8. Budget report #20-17 on cost overruns, COVID related expenses and reserve transfer authorization:

<u>MOVED</u> by Councillor Thompson, **SECONDED** by Councillor Kelly, THAT the Library Board receives Report #20-17 for information and THAT the Library Board authorizes the following transfers from the 2020 operating budget to Library reserve accounts:

| Reserve account name: | Amount to be transferred from operating budget to reserves: |
|---------------------------|--|
| Sick Leave Reserve | \$5,000 |
| Capital Reserve (boilers) | \$10,000 |

and THAT the Library Board authorizes the following transfers from Library reserve accounts to the general operating budget:

| Reserve account name: | Amount to be transferred from reserves |
|---|--|
| | to operating budget: |
| Sick Leave Reserve (to cover sick leave | \$1,082.77 |
| payout to employee) | |

CARRIED

9. Policy approval: revised Code of Conduct for COVID (mask requirement):

MOVED by C. Feeney, **SECONDED** by G. Antworth, THAT the Library Board approves the revised Code of Conduct policy, amending #1 to read "A face covering that fully covers the nose and mouth, or a clear face-shield, must be worn at all times by persons in the building, as per local Public Heath guidelines". **CARRIED**



10. Policy approval: Harassment Policy annual review / approval:

MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by B. Phieffer, THAT the Library Board has reviewed Policy BPL007 (Harassment and Discrimination) and approves the policy as presented. **CARRIED**

11. Policy approval: Fundraising Policy:

MOVED by C. Feeney, **SECONDED** by Councillor Kelly, THAT the Library Board approves the Fundraising policy as presented. **CARRIED**

12. Café closure update:

MOVED by Councillor Kelly, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, THAT the Library Board receive the verbal update that the Focus Café is currently closed due to lack of business as a result of COVID. **CARRIED**

13. Motion to enter into In Camera session to consider the following items, pursuant to the Public Libraries Act, s. 16.1:

- In camera report on matters related to labour relations / employee negotiations
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MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thompson, THAT the Library Board enter the In Camera session to discuss two labour relations / employee negotiation matters. **CARRIED**

14. Motion to go out of In Camera session and return to the Regular Meeting:

MOVED by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by C. Feeney, THAT the Library Board go out of the In Camera session and return to the Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

15. Other Business: Food for Fines promotion

MOVED by Councillor Thompson, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, THAT the Board authorizes the CEO to implement a Food for Fines promotion, allowing customers to donate non-perishable food items in return for \$2 of fine forgiveness per item, to a maximum of \$16 in fine forgiveness, from November 23rd until December 22nd, 2020.

CARRIED

16. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 6:00 pm. by Zoom

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by M. Roberts