

Port Colborne Public Library Board

MINUTES of the Third Special Meeting of 2021

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Time: 6:15 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
B. Beck
V. Catton
J. Frenette
A. Kennerly
C. MacMillan

Regrets: M. Cooper, Chair
B. Ingram, Vice-Chair
H. Cooper
S. Luey, Chief Executive Officer
B. Boles, Board Treasurer

Staff Present: S. Therrien, Director of Library Services (Board Secretary)

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, trustee C. MacMillan chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at approximately 6:21 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by J. Frenette
Seconded by V. Catton

That the agenda dated October 5, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by V. Catton
Seconded by B. Beck

That the minutes of the regular meeting, dated September 7, 2021 be approved, as circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Discussion Item

6.1. The Library's Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (S. Therrien)

The Board discussed the library's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action for advancing reconciliation. The library's plan to move forward will include three steps:

- a. Local actions including: establishing relationships with the local Indigenous community; staff and Board education and workplace training; being a reliable and trusted information/communications source; collection development; services and programming; decolonizing access and classification schemes; public spaces; strategic planning; and the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- b. Actions in collaboration with other Canadian public libraries and as part of the broader community of library associations.
- c. Actions following specific recommendations outlined in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' (CFLA) Truth and Reconciliation Report.

The Board also discussed its current Land Acknowledgment Statement, passed in 2019, and the opportunity to revise it in the future.

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Moved by J. Frenette
Seconded by V. Catton

- a. That the Port Colborne Public Library Board use its Land Acknowledgement Statement at every Board meeting.
- b. That the Board revise the Land Acknowledgement Statement as needed during the course of its term.

Carried

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by A. Kennerly

- a. That the Port Colborne Public Library Board adopts recommendations in the Canadian Federation of Libraries (CFLA) Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations to be used as a framework.
- b. That the Calls to Action be included in the library's strategic plan moving forward.

Carried

7. Decision Items

7.1. Policy Review

7.1.1. HR-09: Staff Vaccinations Policy

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by A. Kennerly

That the Board approves policy 7.1.1, as presented.

Carried

8. Board Members' Items

9. Notices of Motion

10. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. Frenette
Seconded by A. Kennerly

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Carried.

Michael Cooper
Board Chair
November 2, 2021

Susan Therrien
Director of Library Services
Board Secretary
November 2, 2021