

MINUTES OF THE
QUINTE WEST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Regular Meeting - March 26, 2024 - 2 p.m.
(Hybrid) Caucus Room & Google Meet

Present in-person:

D.Couture (Chair)
S.MacDougall
E.Payne
M.Piercy
B.Yakachuk

Present virtually:

Councillor S.Freeman
Councillor L.Reid

Staff in-person:

J.Thomas (CEO/Secretary/Treasurer)
Y.Wolters (Recording Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

D.Couture called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RESPECT FOR INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES, Read by Chairperson; D.Couture

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: to accept the agenda, as circulated.
(Moved by L.Reid, Seconded by B.Yakachuk) carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

Motion: to accept the minutes of February 27, 2024, as circulated.
(Moved by M.Piercy, Seconded by E.Payne) carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

STAFF REPORTS

Statistical Report

J.Thomas shared that the accuracy of the Membership and Ancestry numbers is being looked into.

Motion: to accept the Statistical report for February 2024, as circulated.
(Moved by E.Payne, Seconded by L.Reid) carried.

Financial Report

Financials were not available from the City as the 2023 audit is being completed.

Department Reports

As per the Work Plan, the Librarians are researching other Makerspaces to assist in developing Makerspace Operational Plan.

Motion: to accept the Department reports for February 2024, as circulated.
(Moved by B.Yakachuk, Seconded by E.Payne) carried.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Further to the submitted CEO report, had discussions re: a recent inaccurate Social Media post questioning library safety & drugs in the library. The CEO's emailed response to the claim was also shared with the Board and Staff.

J.Thomas reiterated that the library's code of conduct governs appropriate use of the library to ensure the comfort and safety of all staff and persons who use the library facilities and to maintain the security of library property. Library staff are trained in making every effort to apply these rules in a fair and dignified manner. J.Thomas shared a link for a trailer preview of a film coming soon called: *Free for All: Inside the Public Library*. It tells "*the story of how a simple idea shaped a nation, and the quiet revolutionaries who made it happen.*" Looking ahead to our Spring/Summer Program Guide to be released soon. Programming will reflect our new work plan goals and additional programming at our Frankford Branch.

Motion: to accept the CEO's report, as presented.
(Moved by L.Reid, Seconded by S.MacDougall) carried.

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DECISION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC INPUT

There was none other than what was noted in the CEO's report.


DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 2pm (Hybrid)

IN CAMERA SESSION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: that the Quinte West Public Library Board now adjourn at 2:31 p.m. (Moved by E.Payne, Seconded by B.Yakachuk) carried.



CEO/Secretary/Treasurer



Chairperson