



Minutes of Orangeville Public Library Board
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

May 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor G. Peters, (remote)
Councillor L. Post, (remote)
S. Bergant, (remote)
B. MacDonald, (remote)
S. Marks, (remote)
P. Neely, (remote)
B. Rea, (remote)

Staff Present: D. Vatanen, (remote)
D. Fraser, CEO, (remote)
K. Carson, Collection and Systems Librarian, (remote)

1. Call to Order

Chair, B. Rea called the fully virtual meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2021-014

Moved by Councillor Peters

Seconded by P. Neely

That the minutes of the meeting for April 28, 2021 be approved.

Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Information Items

Recommendation: 2021-015

Moved by Councillor Post

Seconded by S. Bergant

That the three information items be received.

1. CEO Report

2. Library Service Index

3. 2021-05-11 Letter to Kyle Seeback, M.P. Dufferin-Caledon

Carried

6. Staff Reports

Recommendation:

6.1 Report #21-05 Review of the Procedure By-law Policy

Recommendation: 2021-016

Moved by S. Marks

Seconded by P. Neely

That report # 21-05, dated May 26, 2021 with respect to a review of the Procedure By-law Policy, be received;

And that the Procedure By-law Policy dated April 29, 2020 be repealed;

And that the Procedure By-law Policy dated May 26, 2021 attached to this report as Appendix A be adopted.

Carried

6.2 Report # 21-06 - 2021 First Quarter Operating and Capital Fund Variances

Recommendation: 2021-017

Moved by Councillor Peters

Seconded by S. Marks

That report #21-06, dated May 26, 2021 regarding the 2021 First Quarter Operating and Capital Fund Variances, be received.

Carried

6.3 Report # 21-07 Review of the Collection Development Policy

Recommendation: 2021-018

Moved by P. Neely

Seconded by Councillor Post

That report #21-07 dated May 26, 2021 regarding the review of the Collection Development Policy, be received;

And that the Collection Development Policy dated May 26, 2021 attached to this report as Appendix A be adopted.

Carried

7. Correspondence

Recommendation: 2021-019

Moved by S. Marks

Seconded by Councillor Post

That the letter from CFLA-FCAB be received.

Carried

8. New Business

Chair, B. Rea expressed his disappointment at having to cancel the board social for the second year in a row and he suggested the board revisit in the fall.

There were discussions about additional costs for office expenses and D. Fraser indicated costs for COVID related expenses appear on the report as office expenses. Paper bags are been used for curbside services for COVID; staff will continue to encourage patrons to reuse, recycle and offer the option of no bag.

D. Fraser shared some insights and ideas to consider as the board prepares to listen to the opinions of others and formulates a path for the future.

- Recovery from COVID does not mean simply returning to how things were, our old 'normal'. It is a rare opportunity to re-invent ourselves and to ensure we are meeting the unique needs and demands of our community.
- Re-invention requires new thinking and the ability to imagine all that is possible. Some believe that a reinvented library is not an institution or a destination; it is an experience rich in knowledge and humanity.
- Others believe that the future of the library is in the community, benefits of library services should exist beyond the walls of our building.
- Many agree that the library should be a gateway/conduit to knowledge and information, and a bridge between residents, their community, and their government.
- The global pandemic has exasperated the digital divide at a time when dependency on digital platforms is more critical than ever. In the words of Tracie Hall (American Library Association):
 - "We are now at a time in our social trajectory where education, employment and health care – three of our primary quality of life indicators – are all dependent on digital platforms".

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Darla Fraser, CEO

Bill Rea, Board Chair