



Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 18, 2024

*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: December 18, 2024

Place: Paris Branch

Present: Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Mike Gatopoulos, Fred Gladding, Steve Howes, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop, Marilyn Sewell

Regrets: Amanda Henderson

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

New Main Branch Update

Guests: Alison Newton, CAO, County of Brant (not present, no report given.)

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: S. Howes

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2024, Regular Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

K. Bernstein shared updates on the New Central Library at the Bawcutt Centre project. The tender for the New Build closed on December 10th. Tender results will be presented to Council in January.

Fundraising work continues with the current focus being on donor research, where the list of potential donors has grown to over 250 prospects. Agents of Good marketing firm continues to prepare for fundraising with physical copies of materials to be in hand shortly.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: A. Henderson

THAT the December Safety Talk, JHSC Minutes: November 2024, Paris Friends of the Library September and November Minutes be received.

Carried

Library Board Development

N. Etherington reminded the Board of the upcoming Bootcamp taking place at Ontario Library Association Super Conference in January 2025.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports

K. Bernstein reported on output measures and financials for November 2024. Output measures show a steady increase over last year. Library Programs continue to be well attended with many events happening in November. Online community engagement numbers are on the rise.

Financials currently sit at 88% of the operating budget spent. The Library is on track to end the year with a small budget surplus.

The “Something for Everyone” newsletter, which highlights upcoming library programs, was distributed to Board members.

P. Chorpitta reported updates on behalf of the Facility Committee.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the reports be received as presented.

Carried

New Business

K. Bernstein presented the report Truth and Reconciliation in the Library. In support of the Library's strategic goal to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action, the report identifies which Calls to Action are relevant to library services, describes work already completed or underway, and outlines further potential actions. A workplan for 2025 detailing costs and timelines will be presented at a future meeting.

P. Chorpitta and F. Gladding attended the Burford Legions Ladies Auxiliary luncheon on November 23rd and accepted a \$500 donation to the Library.

Council Updates

J. Kyle and S. Howes shared news and information from Council with the Board.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7pm at the Paris Branch.

Adjournment

M. Sewell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

Meeting adjourned.