



## **Aurora Public Library Board**

### **MINUTES of MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Marjorie Andrews Room of the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street, Aurora, Ontario.

Present: Tom Connor (Chair), Councillor Harold Kim, Adam Mobbs (Vice Chair), Marie Rankel, Ken Turriff

Regrets: John Clement, Councillor Sandra Humfryes

Chief Executive Officer: Bruce Gorman

Staff: Mario Baleno (Acting) Manager, IT; Reccia Mandelcorn, Manager, Community Collaboration; Jodi Marr, Manager, Customer Opportunity; Ashley Nunn-Smith, Manager, Content, Access & Innovation; Maida Rae, HR Coordinator/EA (recorder), Julie Rocca, Business Manager

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:03 p.m.

#### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: **20.02.16**  
Moved by: K. Turriff  
Seconded by: A. Mobbs  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Agenda be approved

#### **2. Disclosure of Interest**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

.1 Regular meeting of January 15, 2020

MOTION: **20.02.17**  
Moved by: M. Rankel  
Seconded by: Councillor H. Kim  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Minutes of the  
January 15, 2020 meeting be  
approved

#### **4. Items for Consideration**

**.1 *Bill 132 – Proposed Change to Library Board Meeting Schedule  
SR2020.05***

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **20.02.18**  
Moved by: A. Mobbs  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board approve a revised meeting schedule to include eight meetings, effective January 1, 2021

B. Gorman provided an overview of the changes in Bill 132 that impact the Public Libraries Act, primarily a reduction in the minimum number of annual Library Board meetings. The staff report requested the Board consider a move from the previously required ten meetings per year to nine. Vice-Chair A. Mobbs suggested a minimum of eight meetings annually, with Board discretion to call additional meetings as required. Library staff, in consultation with the Board will consider the timing of meetings and which months to remove from future schedules.

#### **5. Library CEO Updates**

**.1 *CEO Updates***

A verbal report was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **20.02.19**  
Moved by: K. Turriff  
Seconded: A. Mobbs  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Library CEO Updates verbal report be received as information

CEO B. Gorman and the Library management team provided an overview of the sessions attended at the annual Ontario Library Association (OLA) SuperConference. Library staff J. Marr and S. Marchello were selected as SuperConference presenters, speaking on library sustainability.

Board members A. Mobbs, M. Rankel and K. Turriff shared their impressions and feedback on the Saturday conference sessions designed specifically for Board members.

B. Gorman attended the annual Town of Aurora Mayor's Luncheon at the Venetian Manor today.

B. Gorman provided an overview on the current debate regarding freedom of speech in Canadian libraries after a controversial speaker at a Toronto Public Library (TPL) event. Board consideration and discussion was encouraged. B. Gorman will forward related articles to the Board for further review.

B. Gorman attended a Library Square stakeholder meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The project start date has not been confirmed, and there are still funding issues to finalize. It was confirmed that keeping the Library open and welcoming to the community and minimizing the impact of the construction will be a priority.

Board members shared that parking remains a concern, and encouraged securing a formal agreement with parking options outlined prior to construction. B. Gorman will meet with the Town CAO in March, and will include this concern in that discussion. The recent parking study that APL partnered with the Town on will also provide information and options to address this concern. Councillor H. Kim advised that Town staff are working on transition parking, and that the details of the post-project parking plans will be shared when finalized.

The second annual Aurora Hackathon occurred at APL from Monday February 17 to Tuesday February 18, with four student teams receiving feedback and advice from tech industry experts and designing apps for the community and beyond. B. Gorman expressed thanks to the Library staff championing this unique event and also to the generous sponsorships.

There was a reception last week for the CMHA Art Therapy group, currently displaying their art in the Library gallery. The reception was attended by the artists, their support teams and local media.

SOLS and OLNorth are rethinking their current business and delivery models, and the two will be merging. Details will be shared as they become available.

APL staff worked very hard to help customers transition from Overdrive to CloudLibrary.

**6. General Business Information/Questions**

**.1 *APL Updates***

Articles and photographs were issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **20.02.20**  
Moved by: M. Rankel  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the APL Updates be received as information

Newspaper articles and media coverage from late mid-December to early January were provided that highlight APL’s programs and services.

**7. Resolution to Move into Closed Session**

MOTION: **20.02.21**  
Moved by: A. Mobbs  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board move into Closed Session to discuss Labour Relations or employee negotiations

*At 8:21 p.m., the Board moved into Closed Session.*

MOTION: **20.02.22**  
Moved by: M. Rankel  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board return to Open Session

*At 8:26 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session.*

**8. Member Announcements**

T. Connor and A. Mobbs will be away in March. As a result, the Library Board meeting date will change to Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

MOTION: **20.02.23**  
Moved by: A. Mobbs  
Seconded by: M. Rankel  
CARRIED

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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T. Connor  
Chair

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B. Gorman  
Chief Executive Officer