



**Aurora Public Library Board**

**MINUTES of MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 via video conference.

Present: Tom Connor (Chair), John Clement, Adam Mobbs (Vice Chair), Marie Rankel, Ken Turriff

Regrets: Councillor J. Gallo

Chief Executive Officer: Bruce Gorman

Staff: Mario Baleno, IT Manager; Mary Ann Gruppuso, Manager, Collections and Access; Reccia Mandelcorn, Manager, Community Collaboration; Jodi Marr, Manager, Customer Opportunity; Maida Rae, HR Coordinator/EA (recorder); Julie Rocca, Business Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:00 p.m.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: **22.08.62**  
Moved by: K. Turriff  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** the agenda be approved

**2. Disclosure of Interest**

**3. Resolution to Move Into Closed Session**

.1 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of real property

MOTION: **22.08.63**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: M. Rankel  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board move into Closed Session to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of real property

*At 7:01 p.m. the Board moved into Closed Session.*

*Due to technical issues, Vice Chair Adam Mobbs assumed the role of meeting Chair.*

MOTION: **22.08.64**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board return to Open Session

*At 8:05 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session.*

MOTION: **22.08.65**  
Moved by: K. Turriff  
Seconded by: M. Rankel  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Library Board approve the architect's conceptual plans dated November 16, 2022

**4. Approval of Minutes**

.1 Regular meeting of October 19, 2022

MOTION: **22.08.66**  
Moved by: T. Connor  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Minutes of the regular meeting dated October 19, 2022 be approved

**5. Reports**

**.1 Revised Personnel Provisions for Non-Union and Management Staff Report SR2022.28**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **22.08.67**  
Moved by: M. Rankel  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Aurora Public Library Board approve the revised Personnel Provisions for Non-Union and Management Staff Policy dated November 16, 2022

**6. Items for Consideration**

**.1 Library Value Calculator Demonstration**

A demonstration of the Library Value Calculator was conducted.

MOTION: **22.08.68**  
Moved by: K. Turriff  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board receive the Library Value Calculator demonstration.

**.2 Library Staff Holiday Dinner Budget**

A verbal request was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **22.08.69**

Moved by: J. Clement

Seconded by: M. Rankel

CARRIED

**THAT** the Board approve a budget increase from \$35 to \$45 per person for the annual Library staff Holiday dinner

**7. Library CEO Updates**

**.1 CEO Updates**

A verbal report was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **22.08.70**

Moved by: K. Turriff

Seconded by: T. Connor

CARRIED

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

B. Gorman attended the inaugural Council meeting for the Town of Aurora. He will be meeting with Councillor Ken Weese later in the month.

APL has hired a new Teen Librarian, with lengthy librarian work experience. This individual studied and worked in Qatar before joining our team.

B. Gorman anticipates the MOU for room usage will be completed soon.

On November 7, 2022, the Library hosted their annual Staff Development Day. The day focused on improving communications and building stronger, more resilient teams.

B. Gorman will be meeting with Sandra from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce later in November.

The Public Libraries Act indicates that a new Library Board should be appointed within sixty days of a municipal election. The Town will post a notice in December for citizens interested in becoming a Library Board member, with appointments expected in early 2023. Current Board members are welcome to re-apply.

The December 14<sup>th</sup> Library Board meeting will be held in person. The traditional APLB Social will follow the meeting.

**8. General Business Information/Questions**

**.1 APL Updates**

Articles and photographs and a project update were issued prior to the meeting.

**.2 Aurora Town Square November Stakeholder Update**

A project update was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **22.08.71**  
Moved by: T. Connor  
Seconded by: K. Turriff  
CARRIED

**THAT** the APL Updates and  
and Aurora Town Square  
November Stakeholder Update  
be received

B. Gorman was part of a recent tour of the new Town Square facility progress. It is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2023.

On January 11, 2023, there will be an event in the Library living room to welcome 2023. It will include poetry and song from George Eliot Clarke, Sonical Bees, Vanessa Wang.

M. Gruppuso announced that Overdrive will return to APL on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The APL booksale returned in November for the first time since 2019, raising over \$2500.

A Scrabble Club launched today at the library with a great turnout. It used to be run out of the Senior’s Centre, but they do not have volunteers to continue the program, so APL might make it a regular program.

We heard from a customer about an eight-year-old who loves the Mad Scientist Program. It is a six-week program, and the child and his parent walk 30 minutes to attend.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

MOTION: **22.08.72**  
Moved by: M. Rankel  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned  
at 8:41 p.m.

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T. Connor  
Chair

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B. Gorman  
Chief Executive Officer