



Aurora Public Library Board

MINUTES of MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on June 14, 2023 in the MA Room (and via video conference).

Present: Christina Choo-Hum, John Clement, Councillor John Gallo, Lauren Hanna, Adam Mobbs (Chair)

Regrets: Greg Smith (Vice Chair), Councillor Ron Weese

Chief Executive Officer: Bruce Gorman

Staff: Mario Baleno, IT Manager; 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 07:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: **23.05.35**
Moved by: L. Hanna
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the agenda be approved

2. Disclosure of Interest

3. Presentation

- .1 Maria Khoushnood, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG Enterprise
Re: 2022 Audited Financial Statements and SR2022.09

Adam Mobbs welcomed Maria Khoushnood, Lead Audit Engagement Partner of KPMG Enterprise and Queena Yang, Audit Senior Partner and asked them to present the 2022 Audited Financial Statements via zoom.

MOTION: **23.05.36**
Moved by: J. Clement
Seconded by: L. Hanna
CARRIED

THAT the Audited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2022 be approved

Councillor John Gallo joined the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Chair A. Mobbs thanked Business Manager J. Rocca for her work on the audit.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- .1 Regular meeting of April 19, 2023
- .2 Special Meeting May 3, 2023

MOTION: **23.05.37**

Moved by: L. Hanna

Seconded by: Councillor J. Gallo

CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 regular meeting and May 3, 2023 special meeting be approved

5. Items for Consideration

.1 *Intellectual Freedom Report SR2023.10*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.05.38**

Moved by: L. Hanna

Seconded by: J. Clement

CARRIED

THAT the report on Intellectual Freedom dated June 14, 2023 be received; and,

THAT the Board affirm its endorsement of the CLA Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom, the OLA Statement on the Intellectual Rights of the Individual; and the OLA Statements on Children's Rights and Teen's Rights in the Public Library

.2 *Board Committees Discussion*

At the April meeting, Board members were asked to consider their interest in serving on additional Board committees, including The CEO Performance Review Committee, the Finance Sub Committee, and the Executive Committee.

MOTION: **23.05.39**

Moved by: C. Choo-Hum

Seconded by: J. Clement

CARRIED

THAT the Library Board appoint the CEO Performance Review Committee consisting of John Clement, Adam Mobbs, Christina Choo-Hum

and,

THAT the Library Board appoint the Finance Sub Committee consisting of Lauren Hanna, Councillor John Gallo

and Adam Mobbs

and,
THAT the Library Board appoint the
Executive Committee consisting of ...
Christina Choo-Hum, Greg Smith and
Adam Mobbs

6. Library CEO Updates

.1 *CEO Updates*

A verbal report was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **23.05.40**

Moved by: Councillor J. Gallo

Seconded: L. Hanna

CARRIED

THAT the Library CEO Updates be
received as information

The CEO provided a verbal update of recent meetings and events.

The Town of Aurora provided training to Library senior managers for the new Oracle financial software.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being prepared that returns the Magna Room to the Library, and the Library is working with ATS partners (Aurora Cultural Centre, Town of Aurora, and APL) to program without overlapping content or competition between partners.

Collective bargaining between the Library and the full-time/part-time union group is expected in Fall 2023.

B. Gorman has realigned manager responsibilities for efficiency and community service. Technical services will now report to IT Manager, pages to Manager of Community Collaboration, and Manager of Customer Opportunity will oversee the Access team until a new Manager, Collections and Access is hired. The Business Manager will assume responsibility for centralized scheduling.

The budget process is underway and the Board Finance Committee will be engaged prior to the budget presentation to the Board in October and to Council in November.

The Library will resume Sunday hours (1 p.m. – 5 p.m.) after Labour Day.

L. Hanna asked about the status of the Library's Strategic Plan, and recommended a refresh be completed to account for ATS and a post-COVID outlook. B. Gorman agreed to discuss with Library ELT and report back to the Board.

7. General Business Information/Questions

.1 *APL Updates and Aurora Town Square Stakeholder Updates*

Articles and photographs were issued prior to the meeting. The Town Square Stakeholder Update was shared at the meeting.

MOTION: **23.05.41**
Moved by: L. Hanna
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the APL Updates and the
Aurora Town Square Stakeholder
Update be received as information

Newspaper articles and media coverage from late April to early June highlighted APL's programs and services.

The Town of Aurora provided an update on the Aurora Town Square construction project in an email to the Board.

8. Member Announcements

There are caterpillars on display in the children's area. A butterfly release will be planned.

This year's One Book, One Aurora selection is Finding Edward, by Sheila Murray. Lending libraries are starting, and community book clubs will read and discuss the novel. Related programming will roll out this summer and fall.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: **23.05.42**
Moved by: C. Choo-Hum
Seconded by: J. Clement
CARRIED

THAT the meeting be adjourned
at 8:15 p.m.

A. Mobbs
Chair

B. Gorman
Chief Executive Officer