



Aurora Public Library Board

MINUTES of MEETING

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on September 27, 2023 in the MA Room (and via video conference).

Present: Christina Choo-Hum, John Clement, Councillor John Gallo, Lauren Hanna, Greg Smith (Vice Chair – Zoom), Councillor Ron Weese

Regrets: Adam Mobbs (Chair)

Chief Executive Officer: Bruce Gorman

Staff: Mario Baleno, IT Manager; Victoria Collini 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 7:16 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: **23.06.43**

Moved by: Councillor R. Weese

Seconded by: L. Hanna

CARRIED

THAT the agenda be approved

2. Disclosure of Interest

3. Approval of Minutes:

.1 Regular meeting of June 14, 2023

MOTION: **23.06.44**

Moved by: C. Choo-Hum

Seconded by: L. Hanna

CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the June 14, 2023 regular meeting be approved

J. Clement arrived 7:18 p.m.

4. Reports

.1 Second Quarter Operations Report SR2023.11

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.45**
Moved by: L. Hanna
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the Second Quarter Operations Report to June 30, 2023 be received as information

CEO Bruce Gorman introduced Victoria Collini, APL's new Manager of Collections and Access to the Board members.

.2 Second Quarter Use Indicators Report SR2023.12

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.46**
Moved by: L. Hanna
Seconded by: Councillor J. Gallo
CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library Board receives the Second Quarter Use Indicators Draft Report to June 30, 2023 as information

.3 Financial Statement as of June 30, 2023 Report SR2023.13

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.47**
Moved by: J. Clement
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library Financial Statement for the period ended June 30, 2023 be received

5. Items for Consideration

.1 Public Art Policy Report SR2023.14

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.48**
Moved by: Councillor R. Weese
Seconded by: L. Hanna
CARRIED

THAT the Board approve the revised Public Art Policy dated September 27, 2023

B. Gorman introduced the policy review, and asked R. Mandelcorn, Manager, Community Collaboration to provide an overview of the changes to the Board.

.2 Memorandum of Understanding SR2023.15

A copy of the signed agreement was shared prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.49**
Moved by: Councillor R. Weese
Seconded by: Councillor J. Gallo
CARRIED

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding be received as information

B. Gorman briefly outlined the history between the Library and the Town of Aurora regarding program room usage and the outcome of ongoing negotiations to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding that clearly defines ownership and usage of the programming spaces within the facility. Priority access to spaces at no cost to the Library was part of the agreement.

6. Library CEO Updates

.1 *CEO Updates*

A verbal report was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.50**

Moved by: L. Hanna

Seconded: Councillor R. Weese

CARRIED

THAT the Library CEO Updates be received as information

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

The Library's second floor doors are open to the Aurora Town Square space. The Library will monitor security and usage.

B. Gorman presented at Council Monday evening, regarding the Library's financial support of the bridge/corridor and the ATS project.

The Library CEO attended the American Library Association conference in Chicago in June.

The collective agreement for the full time/part time staff group expired March 31, 2023. Collective bargaining is anticipated later this year/early next year.

Budget discussions and preparations are underway. B. Gorman will meet with the Town Finance department this week and will bring the Board Finance committee together once budget details are finalized. The Board Finance Committee will conduct a line-by-line review of the budget, prior to the Board budget review.

The Library will return to Sunday hours on September 10th following COVID related closures. This is the final stage in a return to pre-pandemic hours now.

The Library has planned events in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2023. Orange shirts have been provided to any staff members wanting to wear them to show support.

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 Updates for July, August and September were also issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **23.06.51**

Moved by: J. Clement

Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum

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

CARRIED

Newspaper articles and media coverage from late June to mid-September highlighted APL's programs and services.

The Town of Aurora provided monthly (July, August and September) updates on the Aurora Town Square construction project in an email to the Board.

8. New Business

Councillor Gallo suggested that Board representatives from the Library Board and the Cultural Centre Board attend the other organization's meetings to improve communication between the two organizations.

Councillor Gallo initiated a discussion about a former art exhibit. The Board's previous decision stands.

9. Member Announcements

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: **23.06.52**
Moved by: C. Choo-Hum
Seconded by: L. Hanna
CARRIED

THAT the meeting be adjourned
at 8:32 p.m.

G. Smith
Vice-Chair

B. Gorman
Chief Executive Officer