



## Aurora Public Library Board

### MINUTES of MEETING

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on February 21, 2024 in the MA Room (and via video conference).

Present: Christina Choo-Hum, John Clement, Lauren Hanna, Councillor John Gallo, Adam Mobbs, Greg Smith

Regrets: Councillor Ron Weese

Chief Executive Officer: Bruce Gorman

Staff: Mario Baleno, IT Manager; Victoria Dillon, Manager, Collections and Access; Jodi Marr, Manager, Customer Opportunity; Maida Rae, HR Coordinator/EA (recorder); Julie Rocca, Business Manager

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:01 p.m. Library CEO Bruce Gorman will serve as Chair until a Chair is elected.

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

MOTION: **24.01.01** **THAT** the agenda be approved  
Moved by: LH  
Seconded by: JC  
CARRIED

#### **2. Election of the Library Board Executive 2024**

The CEO acted as the meeting Chair for this item of business. The position of Chair and Vice-Chair to the Library Board were declared vacant and the position of OLS Trustee Representative was declared open.

MOTION: **24.01.02** **THAT** Adam Mobbs be  
Moved by: CCH nominated for the position of  
Seconded by: JC Chair of the Library Board  
CARRIED

The meeting Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Adam Mobbs was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

*Adam Mobbs assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

MOTION: **24.01.03**  
Moved by: Councillor J. Gallo  
Seconded by:  
CARRIED

**THAT** John Clement be nominated for position of Vice-Chair of the Library Board

The Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, John Clement was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

MOTION : **24.01.04**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by:  
CARRIED

**THAT** Christina Choo-Hum be nominated for the position of OLS Trustee Representative

The Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Christina Choo-Hum was acclaimed to the position of OLS Trustee Representative.

### **3. Disclosure of Interest**

### **4. Approval of Minutes:**

.1 Regular meeting of December 13, 2023

MOTION: **24.01.05**  
Moved by: G. Smith  
Seconded by: L. Hanna  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 regular meeting be approved

### **5. Reports**

**.1 APL 2023 Fourth Quarter Operations Draft Report SR2024.01  
Fourth Quarter Use Indicators Report SR2024.02  
2024 Service and Holiday Hours Report SR2024.03  
2023 Annual Health and Safety Report SR2024.04**

Staff reports were issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **24.01.06**  
Moved by: C. Choo-Hum  
Seconded by: Councillor J. Gallo  
CARRIED

**THAT** the 2023 Fourth Quarter Operations Report to December 31, 2023 be received as information; and

**THAT** the Aurora Public Library Board receives the Fourth Quarter Use Indicators DRAFT Report to December 31, 2023 as Information; and

Agenda item 3.1  
**THAT** the 2024 Service and  
Holiday Hours Report be  
Approved; and

**THAT** the Annual Health and  
Safety Report for 2023 be  
received as information; and  
endorse the attached Aurora  
Public Library Board Health and  
Safety Policy statements

## **6. Items for Consideration**

### **.1 OMERS Administration Report SR2024.05**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **24.01.07**  
Moved by: G. Smith  
Seconded by: L. Hanna  
CARRIED

**THAT** the OMERS Administration  
Report be approved

## **7. Library CEO Updates**

### **.1 CEO Updates**

A verbal report was provided at the meeting.

MOTION: **24.01.08**  
Moved by: L. Hanna  
Seconded: J. Clement  
CARRIED

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

B. Gorman met with MPP Parsa to advocate for a provincial wide database for libraries. He also shared APL updates and discussed provincial library funding. When MPP Parsa tours Town Square with the Mayor, he will also tour APL with B. Gorman.

During the January 21-28 high school exam prep/study week, there were nearly 10,000 people in the library. Staff pre-planned for additional customers, engaged with students and arranged for additional study space in the Magna and Lebovic Rooms when possible.

Many Library staff members attended the OLA Superconference in Toronto. The CEO and Board Chair attended as well. A. Mobbs encouraged Board members to attend the conference in future years.

B. Gorman attended the Mayor's lunch today.  
There is a Caribbean Fusion dance event on Saturday.

## **8. General Business Information/Questions**

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

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

MOTION: **24.01.09**  
Moved by: C. Choo-Hum  
Seconded by: G. Smith  
CARRIED

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

Newspaper articles and media coverage from late December to early February highlighted APL’s programs and services.

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

**9. Member Announcements**

Thank-you to G. Smith for serving as Vice Chair in 2023. Thank-you to J. Clement and C. Choo-Hum for joining the Board executive team for 2024.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: **24.01.10**  
Moved by: Councillor J. Gallo  
Seconded by: L. Hanna  
CARRIED

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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A. Mobbs  
Chair

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B. Gorman  
Chief Executive Officer