

# Waterloo Public Library

Regular Meeting of the Board Via Zoom



Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

# Waterloo Public Library – Board Meeting Minutes – 24/03/2021

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**Board Members Attending:** K. Coviello (Chair); S. Ahmad; K. McManus; F. Mensink; J. Strong; Councillor D. Freeman

**Staff:** L. Clarke (CEO); A. Kipfer (Manager, Marketing & Communications)

**Regrets:** D. Charlton; R. Harder

**Joined the meeting at 5:30:** I. Pandit

## **1. Call to order:**

### 1.1 Land Acknowledgment

K. Coviello (Chair) called the meeting to order.

## **2. Approval of the agenda**

**Moved by F. Mensink**, seconded by K. McManus, that the agenda be approved.

**Motion carried.**

## **3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the nature thereof**

None.

## **4. Approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting**

**Moved by J. Strong**, seconded by K. McManus, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board meeting.

**Motion carried.**

## **5. Business arising from the minutes – None.**

## **6. Correspondence – None.**

## **7. Committee Reports – None.**

## **8. Information Items**

### 8.1 Eastside Branch Update – L. Clarke

- Construction remains on schedule – photos & video have been shared with the public so they can follow along with the progress
- Eastside Branch Sponsorship Package has been sent to R. Harder & the Fundraising Committee for review

## 8.2 CEO Report – L. Clarke

- WPL, along with other libraries in the Region and in the province, moved to a 24-hour quarantine period for returned materials as of February 18<sup>th</sup>. An Isolation Task Force led by Vaughan Public Library (VPL) has researched whether the quarantine of materials is still required and concluded that according to current information it is not. A letter initiated by VPL, with the support of most Ontario libraries, including WPL, was directed to Premier Ford, Minister MacLeod and Deputy Minister Finnerty, requesting that the quarantine rule be ended.
- Proposed CELA budget cuts of \$1 million was rescinded for 2021, but it is still proposed for following years that \$1 million be cut each year until the total Federal funding of \$4 million per year is ended. A sustainable solution is needed.
- Members of the Management Team are taking the Anti-racism Course offered by Selam Debs
- WPL secured a New Horizons grant to help re-vamp our VLS program, increasing digital and print support among other initiatives
- April Break programs were extremely popular, generating wait lists almost immediately
- Helping with vaccine roll-out – WPL staff have made approximately 1,000 calls to seniors 80+

## 9. Other Business

### 9.1 OLBA Update – S. Ahmad

- S. Ahmad reported that she would be presenting April 8<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the Ontario Library Boards' Association on the topic *Human Rights-Based Approach to IDEA in Libraries*.

## 10. In-camera – as being discussed are personal matters about an identifiable individual

**Moved by K McManus**, seconded J. Strong by to move in-camera.

**Motion carried**

**Moved by K. McManus**, seconded by D. Freeman, to leave in-camera.

**Motion carried.**

## 11. Date of next regular meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved by F. Mensink**, seconded by J. Strong, that the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion carried.**