



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 25, 2023

*The Count of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.*

**Date:** January 25, 2023

**Place:** via Zoom

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**Present:** Kari Raymer Bishop, Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Christine Garneau, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Marilyn Sewell, Linda Tripp

**Regrets:** David Bailey

**Staff:** Kelly Bernstein

**Call to Order:** F. Gladding in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

### Library Department Presentations

Zeta Phillipo, Director of Programs and Collections, presented an overview of Children's Programs and Services.

### Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: S. Howes

Seconded by: L. Tripp

THAT the minutes of the December 14, 2022, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### Business Arising

K. Bernstein shared updates on current Library projects. Council awarded the RFP for Construction Management to CSL Inc. on January 22, 2023. The New Main Branch Open House

is planned for February 6, 2023. The RFID conversion project is complete and the final grant report will be submitted February 28, 2023.

#### **Consent Items to be Received – Communications**

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: C. Garneau

THAT the January Safety Talk, December 2022 JHSC Minutes ,and the Paris Friends of the Library Meeting of December 12 2022 be received as information.

**Carried**

#### **Library Board Development**

In response to recent Drag Queen Story Time protests across Canada, the importance of the library a defender of intellectual freedom and as a place of belonging and self discovery was discussed.

#### **Submissions for Board Development**

F. Gladding reminded Board members that Library Board Boot Camp will be held on Saturday February 4 at 9:00am.

#### **Reports**

K. Bernstein provided a verbal report on output measures to December 31, 2022. Monthly statistics are up overall despite a small decline in electronic usage in December. A significant increase in adult programs and attendance was noted. K. Bernstein summarized the monthly Operating Statement and advised that a small surplus for 2022 in anticipated. Eli Washburn was the successful candidate for the Circulation Coordinator role.

P. Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop

THAT the reports be received for information.

**Carried**

The 2023 Policy Review Schedule, Health and Safety 2023 Update and the Harassment Discrimination and Violence in the Workplace 2023 Update were presented for approval.

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: L. Tripp

THAT the 2023 Policy Review Schedule, Health & Safety 2023 policy, and Harassment, Discrimination, and Violence in the Workplace 2023 policy be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**New Business**

None.

**Council Updates**

S. Howes and C. Garneau shared news and information from County Council with the Board.

**Next Meeting**

February 22, 2023 at 8pm, location to be confirmed.

**Adjournment**

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm.

**Meeting adjourned**