



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 26, 2023

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

**Date:** April 26, 2023

**Place:** St. George Branch

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**Present:** Kari Raymer Bishop, Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding,  
Amanda Henderson, Marilyn Sewell

**Regrets:** David Bailey, Christine Garneau, Steve Howes, Linda Tripp

**Staff:** Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

**Call to Order:** F. Gladding in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### 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

### Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: A. Henderson

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the March 22, 2023 regular meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### Business Arising

K. Bernstein provided a verbal update on New Main Branch progress. The Steering Committee will be meeting on May 1 to review the design concept, budget, business plan, and to discuss fundraising.

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

Moved by: A. Henderson

Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop

THAT the April Safety Talk and the March 2023 JHSC Minutes be received as information.

**Carried**

### **Library Board Development**

N. Etherington presented slides from the Ontario Library Service -Governance 101: Library Board Training. F. Gladding attended an OLS Trustee Council Meeting that outlined Board Member Resources and discussed community issues. M. Sewell shared some observations from a recent visit to the new Meaford Library.

### **Submissions for Board Development**

F. Gladding reminded Board members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

### **Reports**

K. Bernstein reported that Monthly Statistics are performing well. Electronic use is outpacing regular growth. Hoopla cost vs benefit was discussed. Online traffic continues to rise. The Operating Statement shows 24% of the budget was spent in the first quarter. Laura Eadie was the successful candidate for the Program and Outreach Coordinator role.

P. Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

N. Etherington presented policies LS 16: Information Services and LS 26: Inter-Library Loan for information and with no changes.

The Board discussed whether its practice of closing on Sunday when the following Monday is a statutory holiday should apply to Sunday closures when Saturday is a statutory holiday, as is the case for the upcoming Canada Day weekend. The Board agreed that no change is needed to the current plan to open on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Statistics will be gathered to further discussion in the future regarding Sunday closures when Saturday is a holiday.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the reports be received for information.

**Carried**

### **New Business**

None.

**Council Updates**

None. K. Bernstein encouraged Board members to spread word about the County's upcoming public sessions on the new Strategic Plan.

**Next Meeting**

May 24, 2023 at 7pm, at the Burford Branch.

**Adjournment**

P. Chorpitta moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm.

**Meeting adjourned.**