

## MINUTES of the

### SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The Saskatoon Public Library Board met on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, by video conference.

Present:        John Thronberg                      Elise Truscott  
                 Hilary Gough                         Jim Siemens  
                 Markel Chernenkoff                   Carol Cooley, Director of Libraries & CEO  
                 Heather Kuttai                             Rachel Landriault (recorder)

Regrets:        Brett Bradshaw, Cheryl Starr

Guests:

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J. Thronberg, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by M. Chernenkoff, **THAT the Agenda of September 15, 2021, be approved as circulated, including any items removed from, or added to the Agenda.**

Carried.

- Added Ratification of JS Wood Air Conditioner Expense – C.3

#### **Consent Agenda**

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the Consent Agenda of September 15, 2021, be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.**

Carried.

#### **Previous Minutes**

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by H. Kuttai, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board Minutes of June 16, 2021, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.**

Carried.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by H. Gough, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board Minutes of August 18, 2021, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.**

Carried.

No declaration of conflict of interest.

#### **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC MEETING**

No deputations, presentations or public meeting.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **C.1 Board Self-Evaluation**

J. Thronberg asked Board members to complete the annual Board self-evaluation and return it to R. Landriault by Wednesday, September 22, 2021. R. Landriault will compile the responses in one document and forward it to J. Thronberg, Chair of the Governance Committee. The Committee will review the self-evaluation results in October and provide Board members with a summary, without attribution, at their November 17, 2021 meeting.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by H. Kuttai, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board will complete the self-evaluation by September 22, 2021.**

Carried.

### **C.2 Closure Dates - 2022**

C. Cooley highlighted that the proposed dates reflect changes made to the CUPE 2669 Collective Agreement. They removed Boxing Day and Easter Monday because they are not statutory holidays. Easter Sunday is not a statutory holiday and was not in the Collective Agreement, so it has also been removed from the proposed closure dates. Aside from the changes due to the Collective Agreement, SPL proposed starting Sunday closures in July instead of after the May long weekend for the following reasons: 1) Children are still in school in May and June and need access to the library. 2) Statistics indicate that Sundays are one of SPL's busiest days. 3) Extending the Sunday opening would align with and facilitate the new schedule types negotiated in the Collective Agreement. 4) It would improve services to patrons.

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by E. Truscott, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the 2022 closure dates as recommended.**

Carried.

### **C.3 JS Wood Air Conditioner**

C. Cooley reported that the air conditioning unit at JS Wood required repairs late last spring. Understanding that the funds to pay for the repairs of \$5,300.00 would come from the JS Wood reserve would require Board approval, she approved the repairs at the time because the warm weather was fast approaching. She intended to bring this to the Board's attention in May, but it was inadvertently omitted from the agenda, for which she apologized.

H. Gough asked if the ventilation issues at the Cosmo Civic Centre, which affected the Carlyle King branch, were resolved.

C. Cooley responded no. However, SPL has reopened the branch because the outdoor temperature cooled, and the airflow was good. She believes the Civic Centre intends to close the facility for a couple of days this fall to complete the repairs and that they plan to do so at a time that would have the least operational impact.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by M. Chernenkoff, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board ratify the expenditure of up to \$6,000.00 from the JS Wood reserve for repairs to the air conditioning unit.**

Carried.

## **D. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

### **D.1 Chairperson Updates**

No chairperson update

### **D.2 SLTA Report**

No SLTA report.

## **E. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **E.1 Director of Libraries & CEO Updates**

No report from the Director of Libraries & CEO.

## **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by H. Kuttai, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the meeting move in-camera for the purpose of addressing matters pertaining to Economic/Financial – Land as permitted under Sections 17(1)(d) and (e) of LAFOIPP and matters pertaining to Labour/Personnel under Sections 16(1)(c) of LAFOIPP.**

Carried.

Board moved in-camera at 4:27 p.m.

Board moved into public session at 6:50 p.m.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by H. Gough, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the New Central Library Project Charter.**

Carried.

Moved by J. Thronberg, seconded by M. Chernenkoff, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the 2022/2023 budget revisions.**

Carried.

Moved by J. Thronberg, seconded by H. Kuttai, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board recommend all 2022 Board member re-appointments.**

Carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by J. Thronberg, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board does now adjourn at 6:53 p.m. to meet again October 20, 2021, by video conference or at the call of the Chair.**

Carried.