

MINUTES of the

SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The Saskatoon Public Library Board met on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, by video conference.

Present: Brett Bradshaw (Chair) Elise Truscott
 Hilary Gough John Thronberg
 Cheryl Starr Markel Chernenkoff
 Jim Siemens Carol Cooley, Director of Libraries & CEO
 Rachel Landriault (recorder)

Regrets: Heather Kuttai

Guests: Janna Sampson, Director, Strategy & Communications
 Arin Jorgenson, Director, Human Resources
 Sherry Tarasoff, member of the public

E. Truscott, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by J. Thronberg, **THAT the Agenda of February 16, 2022, be approved as circulated, including any items removed from, or added to the Agenda.**

Carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by J. Siemens, seconded by H. Gough, **THAT the Consent Agenda of February 16, 2022, be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.**

Carried.

Previous Minutes

Moved by J. Thronberg, seconded by H. Gough, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board Minutes of January 19, 2022, 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 Disclosure of External Commitments and Oath of Confidentiality

E. Truscott requested that Board members return their signed Oath of Confidentiality form to R. Landriault by the end of the day, February 23, 2022. The Disclosure of External Commitments Form must be completed and signed only if members have to declare changes since they last submitted a disclosure.

H. Gough asked if City Finance required another declaration.

C. Cooley indicated that SPL had not received any information from the City to date and that she would look into it.

D. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

D.1 Chairperson Updates

No reports from the Chair.

D.2 SLTA Report

J. Thronberg informed the Board that the SLTA was meeting later in the day. The main topic of discussion is their membership challenges, where five of eleven library regions have not renewed their membership, including the most recent being the Wapiti Regional Library.

SLTA will be looking at their options, whether it means dissolving the organization or pausing their activities until they decide on a path forward.

B. Bradshaw joined the meeting

H. Gough stated that as a current member, she feels SPL would benefit from SLTA providing something in writing about the kind of value proposition and sustainability plan they intend to move forward with and asked J. Thronberg to convey that suggestion at SLTA's meeting.

E. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

E.1 Director of Libraries & CEO Updates

2021 Financial Statements

C. Cooley stated that the City extended its timeframe for the 2021 financial statements. She intends to keep the Board informed about SPL's ability to prepare their statements for review in May or June.

New Central Library

Board members asked about the public's response following the release of the NCL design documents.

C. Cooley responded that her team was working on a "What We Heard" report, which they intend to release in the coming weeks. The community's feedback greatly informed and strengthened the NCL's design. Colleagues across Canada were excited about the report and were impressed with the design and what SPL included in the functional plan. The Globe and Mail's story about Indigenous architects featuring our project, amongst others, generated a lot of good feedback.

J. Sampson added that the comments from the advisory committees and the public were very consistent. There was a shared desire, enthusiasm and excitement about the outdoor plaza, adding to the downtown greenspace. Many could imagine themselves in the library, which area they would visit first and what their favourite spot would be.

B. Bradshaw stated that she also received a lot of positive feedback following the release of the design and from the Globe & Mail article. Many people and partners in reconciliation reached out on that front and commented on the beauty of the building and how it captured the essence of where we are.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by E. Truscott, 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.

S. Tarasoff left the meeting.

Board moved in-camera at 4:24 p.m.

Board moved into public session at 7:09 p.m.

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by J. Thronberg, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the updated Project Charter and Plan.**

Carried.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by C. Starr, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the Fundraising report.**

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Thronberg, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board does now adjourn at 7:12 p.m. to meet again March 16, 2022, by video conference or at the call of the Chair.**

Carried.