

MINUTES of the

SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The Saskatoon Public Library Board met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, by video conference.

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

Regrets:

Guests: Sherry Tarasoff, member of the public
 Janna Sampson, Director, Strategy & Communications

B. Bradshaw, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by E. Truscott, **THAT the agenda of May 18, 2022, be approved as circulated, including any items removed from, or added to the agenda.**

Carried.

Previous Minutes

Moved by J. Siemens, seconded by C. Starr, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board minutes of April 20, 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 Board Skills, Strength & Diversity

The Chair of the Personnel Committee noted that The Board completed the annual Board Skills, Strength & Diversity matrix as directed at the April 20, 2022 meeting. The results will be forwarded to the City Clerk's office to recruit new Board members as needed, guide the Board in seeking out community members, encourage them to apply, and inform the interview process. The Board scored low in philanthropy connections. Capital projects, particularly project management, remain a vital competency as SPL progresses with the New Central Library project. The Board will continue to discuss its competencies and connections as it moves forward into the fall of 2022.

C.2 Closure Dates - 2023

C. Cooley noted that New Year's Day falls on a Sunday in 2023. Due to scheduling issues, when this happens, we close on Monday (January 2, 2023) to accommodate lieu days for full-time employees.

Moved by C. Starr, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the 2023 closure dates as recommended.**

Carried.

C.3 Bylaws and Policies – Board Oversight

The Board Chair thanked C. Cooley for compiling the list of bylaws and policies that the Board oversees.

H. Gough noted that this topic came forward at the Governance Committee partly because of the Board's self-evaluation last fall. The Governance Committee's responsibility is to review the policies and ensure the Board is familiar with them. The Committee requested this list to develop a schedule to review them as required.

C. Cooley noted that the Board had reviewed most of the policies in the last couple of years. Therefore, they will add the dates to the list and save it in a location where the Board can access it.

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by H. Gough, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board receive this report for information.**

Carried.

D. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

D.1 Chairperson Updates

B. Bradshaw informed the Board that SPL updated the online deputation request form as suggested by S. Tarasoff and thanked her.

E. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

E.1 Director of Libraries & CEO Updates

SPL Room Bookings and Programming

C. Cooley informed the Board that SPL would resume public room bookings, programming, and partner programming next week.

CULC Meeting and Vice-Chair Position

C. Cooley noted that she attended a two-day Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) meeting earlier this week. She accepted the role of Vice-Chair for that Council, the term has started..

During the CULC meeting, they visited the Edmonton Public Library, which is 300,000sq/f and includes several unique spaces.

Rock Your Roots for Reconciliation Walk

C. Cooley asked Board members to advise her if they wanted to join the SPL contingent for the Rock Your Roots for Reconciliation Walk on June 21, 2022.

H. Gough asked if SPL was involved in the children's festival.

C. Cooley responded, yes. SPL will participate in all the usual programs and festivals that they usually attend.

Reopening

The Board asked if all SPL employees had returned to their work locations and were attending meetings in person.

C. Cooley responded that they were working towards that. She believes SPL will be returning to in-person meetings sooner than expected. However, they discovered that attending some internal meetings virtually saves time, so they might continue to do so in future.

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by C. Starr, **THAT the Report from Administration be received as information.**

Carried.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by E. Truscott, seconded by H. Gough, **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 4:19 p.m.

Board moved into public session at 6:39 p.m.

Moved by H. Kuttai, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board approve the budget adjustments as presented.**

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by H. Gough, seconded by J. Siemens, **THAT the Saskatoon Public Library Board does now adjourn at 6:42 p.m. to meet again on June 15, 2022, by video conference or at the call of the Chair.**

Carried.