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Guelph Public Library Board

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 28, 2024

Prepared by Barbara Powe, Administrative Assistant

Members

Danny Williamson (Chair)

Randalin Ellery (Past Chair)

Vivian Webb (Vice Chair)

Alexandra Ortiz Carlsson (Vice Chair)

Renganathan Sadagoban

Bang Ly

Denise Rishworth

Claire Cowan

Candice Lepage

Councillor Rodrigo Goller*

Councillor Leanne Caron*

Councillor Carly Klassen*

Staff

Dan Atkins (Acting CEO)

Michelle Campbell (Manager of Public Service)

Carolyn Elston-Ryder (Human Resources)

Meg Forestell (Manager of Community Engagement)

Kirsten Bester (Development Officer)

Tom Baxter (Systems Technician 1)

Barbara Powe (Administrative Assistant)

Guests

Overlap & Associates
City of Guelph
Entro

Regrets

Randalin Ellery

***Attended Virtually**

1 Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Guelph Public Library Board was called to order by the Chair, Danny Williamson, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024. Dan Atkins, Secretary, was present.

D. Williamson shared some correspondence.

1.1 First Nations Acknowledgement

V. Webb read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.2 Guelph Public Library Values

D. Atkins shared their GPL Values.

2 Approval of Agenda

Motion 71.24:

Moved by C. Cowan

Seconded by V. Webb

That the Guelph Public Library Board approve the Agenda of the October Library Board meeting as circulated

Carried

3 Apologies for Non-Attendance

Randalin Ellery

4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations to report.

5 Consent Agenda

5.1 Adoption of September 2024 Minutes

5.2 Correspondence

5.3 Acting CEO's Report

5.4 Service Utilization Scorecard Report

5.5 Service Capacity Scorecard Report

5.6 Operating Variance Report

5.7 New Central Library Update

Motion 72.24:

Moved by C. Lepage

Seconded by B. Ly

That the Guelph Public Library Board approve the Consent Agenda as circulated.

Carried

6 Presentations & Reports

6.1 2025-2029 Strategic Plan

D. Atkins introduced Brock Hart and Amy Laughlin from Overlap Associates.

Draft Review

B. Hart gave a brief overview of the work that had been completed during the Board planning sessions.

Feedback Session

Board Members provided suggestions and feedback regarding the mission, vision and values.

A discussion followed.

Action: Board Members to submit additional notes and comments regarding the Strategic Plan to D. Atkins by Friday, November 1st.

A final report will be available to the Board in November.

Overlap left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion 73.24:

Moved by C. Klassen

Seconded by C. Cowan

That the Guelph Public Library Board receive the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan presentation for information.

Carried

6.2 Donor Recognition

K Bester introduced Jacqueline Tang and Udo Schliemann from Entro.

J. Tang reported that The Guelph Public Library's new Central Library would not have been possible without the generous support of its donor community. In recognition of this, donors will be honored on a dedicated donor wall located in the double height Atrium of the new space.

Donations of \$5,000 and above will receive physical representation while the rest of the donors will be represented on the digital screens.

Concept 1 – Book Pages

The first concept offers a more literal representation. Like a cherished book, each donor contributes a page to the story of the Guelph Central Library.

Concept 2 – Kaleidoscope

Just as a kaleidoscope is formed by various intricate elements coming together to create a constantly shifting, beautiful pattern, this symbol reflects the community's collective effort in bringing the New Central Library to life—where each donation becomes a significant part of the bigger picture.

A discussion followed.

Vote

Concept 1

R. Goller

C. Klassen

A. Ortiz Carlson

Concept 2

L. Caron

D. Rishworth

B. Ly

C. Lepage

R. Goller

V. Webb

D. Williamson

Entro and C. Waterman Bannon left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion 74.24:

Moved by R. Sadagoban

Seconded by C. Cowan

That the Guelph Public Library Board direct Staff to move forward with concept 2 – Kaleidoscope for the Donor recognition wall.

Carried

6.3 Public Art

Dawn Owen introduced herself as the Curator of Museums and Culture at the City of Guelph.

C. Cowan left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

D. Owen reported that the City acquires public art through various means. She noted that commissioning a piece of artwork is the most labour intensive. Commissioning artwork allows for public engagement through a public call.

The Public Art Advisory Committee (City of Guelph) can manage the assessment of submitted public artwork base on criteria set by the Guelph Public Library. The Board and Public Stakeholders can be included in the assessment process.

D. Owen asked the Board to consider the following:

- Artists
- Timeline
- Lifespan of Artwork
- Location of Artwork

A discussion followed.

C. Klassen left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

D. Owen left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Motion 75.24:

Moved by V. Webb

Seconded by B. Ly

That the Guelph Public Library Board meeting be extended past 8:00 p.m.

Carried

Motion 76.24:

Moved by A. Ortiz Carlsson

Seconded by C. Lepage

That the Guelph Public Library Board receive the Public Art presentation for information.

Carried

Motion 77.24:

Moved by R. Sadagoban

Seconded by D. Rishworth

That the Guelph Public Library Board direct the Executive Committee to return to the Board with recommendations regarding the public artwork for the New Central Library.

Carried

7 Authority to Move into Closed Session

Motion 76.24:

Moved by C. Klassen

Seconded by C. Cowan

That the Guelph Public Library Board now hold a meeting that is closed to the public pursuant to:

The Public Libraries Act, Section 16.1(4) A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is,

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

Carried

The meeting was moved in-camera at 8:10 p.m.

A motion to approve the agenda carried. – **Motion IC.47.24**

A motion to approve the consent agenda carried. – **Motion IC.48.24**

A motion to receive the Library as a Safe Place Scorecard carried. – **Motion IC.44.24**

The meeting was moved out of in-camera at 8:31 p.m.

8 New Business

Nothing to report.

9 Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

10 Next Meeting

Chair, Danny Williamson announced that the next Board meeting would be Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

11 Adjournment

Motion 77.24:

Moved by B. Ly

Seconded by C. Lepage

That the Guelph Public Library meeting of October 2024 be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Library Board Chair

Date

Library CEO (Board Secretary)

Date