

Agenda 3.3a



Mississauga Public Library Board

Regular Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Woodlands Library Program Room.

Present

Brad Bass
Reyen Jones
Councillor Matt Mahoney
Paul Lee
Mai Lu
Priscilla Mak
Chucks Uwandulu

Absent

Ritu Janveja
Councillor John Kovac

Staff Present

Rona O'Banion, Director, Library
Jennifer Stirling, Manager, Library Digital Services & Collections
Laura Reed, Manager, Central Library & Community Development
Sue Coles, Manager, Facilities & Operations
Fawzia Raja, Manager, Library Operations Planning & Analysis

Minutes Recorded

Anne Marie Solleza

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37pm. She welcomed the following to the meeting:

Laura Fenech, President, CUPE 1989

Carol Slama, Ward 2 resident who came to attend the meeting

1.1 Excused Absences

26:23 Resolved that Ritu Janveja and Councillor John Kovac be excused.

Moved by Councillor M. Mahoney

Seconded by B. Bass

Carried

2.1 Approval of Agenda

27:23 Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by P. Lee

Seconded by R. Jones

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2.3 Approval of Minutes

28:23 Resolved that the regular and in camera Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Library Board meeting be approved.

Moved by M. Lu

Seconded by P. Lee

Carried

2.4 In Camera Agenda

Update on Collective Bargaining

29:23 Resolved that the Board go into closed session at 5:42pm.

Moved by B. Bass
Seconded by R. Jones
Carried

3.0 Delegation/Guest Speakers

There were no delegations or guest speakers.

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes

There were no items for discussion.

5.0 Consent Agenda/Staff Information Reports

Discussion highlights are as follows:

- Mayor Crombie will take a leave of absence starting October 6.
- Councillors will rotate as acting head of council in two-month intervals.
- Future Directions plan undergoing review with the Indigenous Council and Accessibility Committee. Final draft will be presented to Council in November.
- Over 40 library staff are now working at Hazel McCallion Central Library (HMCL).
- Remaining library staff at Kings Masting location will moving back to HMCL the week of September 25th.
- Library Board will tour HMCL in October.
- HMCL soft opening scheduled for December with the grand reopening tentatively booked for early February 2024.
- Technology projects continue with makerspaces and automated material handling at HMCL. Staff will begin testing the new library mobile app starting in October.
- Fines elimination still not widely known to customers so marketing and communications efforts will continue.
- Circulation and foot traffic have seen increases and is expected to continue for the rest of the year.

31:23 Resolved that consent agenda items 5.1 to 5.5 be received for information.

Moved by B. Bass
Seconded by M. Lu
Carried

6.0 New Business

6.1 2024 Fees and Charges

F. Raja presented the 2024 Fees and Charges schedule for the Board's approval. All charges remain the same as 2023 except for the new charges related to makerspace materials priced at a cost recovery rate.

Library is currently working on the mechanics of how members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations (MCFN) can avail themselves of library cards so they are able to access library materials, programs and services.

32:23 That the Library Board approve the revised draft 2024 Fees & Charges schedule in advance of Budget Committee's review for inclusion in the City of Mississauga's Fees and Charges By-law.

Moved by C. Uwandulu
 Seconded by M. Lu
 Carried

6.2 2024 Budget and Business Plan Update

The 2024-2027 Business Plan and 2024 Budget process is currently underway. The focus is on maintaining current service levels, and the South Common Library renovation.

33:23 The 2024 Budget and Business Planning update be received by the Board

Moved by P. Lee
 Seconded by C. Uwmadulu
 Carried

6.3 Collection Policy Review

Diana Krawczyk, Manager, Collections and Material Handling, walked the Board through the Collection Policy. Last reviewed in 2021, there were a few recommended changes to the policy to ensure that Mississauga Library continues to offer a diverse and balanced collection and is responsive to the community it serves.

Specific topics discussed include purchase suggestions from the public, local authors, donations, and the request for reconsideration process.

34:23 Resolved that the Library Board approve proposed updates to the Collection Policy.

Moved by R. Jones
 Seconded by M. Lu
 Carried

6.4 Correspondence

The CEO presented correspondence received on September 5, 2023 via email from interested party, Renzo Chiarantano. The email addressed to the CEO and the Library Board expressed concern over the works and writings of D.H. Lawrence specifically his advocacy for disturbing ideas, such as euthanasia targeting specific segments of British society.

In her reply, the CEO referenced the Library's Collection policy which states that "the Library's goal in the provision of library materials is to maintain a diverse, balanced and broad collection to serve the cultural, recreational, educational and informational needs of the Mississauga community, as defined by the Library's mission statement and strategic priorities. She pointed out that only a limited number of titles and copies of D.H. Lawrence's books are available due to a decrease in community interest in his work. The library also maintains access to material that is critical of Lawrence's writing and personal views in print books, such as biographical material and literary criticism".

The Board acknowledged the library's good work in maintaining a Collection policy that not only supports intellectual freedom but one that can also hold up against challenges and disputes.

35:23 Resolved that the Board receive the correspondence from Renzo Chiarantano.

Moved by councilor M. Mahoney
 Seconded by B. Bass
 Carried

7.0 Adjournment

36:23 Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 7:24pm

Moved by C. Uwandulu
 Seconded by M. Lu
 Carried

Next Meeting

The next Library Board meeting will be on October 18, 2023 at Hazel McCallion Central Library.

Secretary/Treasurer

Chair