

Agenda 2.3a



# Mississauga Public Library Board

## Regular Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Erin Meadows Library Program Room.

### **Present**

Brad Bass  
Ritu Janveja  
Reyen Jones  
Mai Lu  
Councillor Matt Mahoney  
Priscilla Mak  
Chucks Uwandulu

### **Absent**

Councillor John Kovac  
Paul Lee

### **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 5:40pm.

### 1.1 Excused Absences

42:23 Resolved that Councillor John Kovac and Paul Lee be excused from the meeting.

Moved by C. Uwandulu

Seconded by B. Bass

Carried

### 2.1 Approval of Agenda

43:23 Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by M. Lu

Seconded by R. Jones

Carried

### 2.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 2.3 Approval of Minutes

44:23 Resolved that the Minutes from the October 18, 2023 Library Board meeting be approved.

Moved by B. Bass

Seconded by M. Lu

Carried

### 2.4 In Camera Agenda

45:23 resolved that the Board move into closed session.

Moved by R. Janveja

Seconded by R. Jones

Carried

### **3.0 Delegation/Guest Speaker**

The Chair welcomed, Mila Dechef-Tweddle, Director and Gaebby Abrahams, Senior Consultant from Nordicity.

The consultants led the Board through the draft Future Directions plan and answered a few questions from the Board. Some of the highlights from the discussion are as follows:

- Purpose of the plan and the areas of focus that helped shape the planning approach
- The process followed in the development of the plan
- Key needs and concerns considered in establishing the strategic priorities
- Recommendations based on the facility and service strategies
- Space provision standard targets in the different service areas
- Funding source for recommended future capital projects

47:23 Resolved that the Board receive the Future Directions Draft Plan presentation.

Moved by C. Uwandulu  
 Seconded by B. Bass  
 Carried

### **4.0 Business Arising from Minutes**

There were no items for discussion.

### **5.0 Consent Agenda: Staff Information Reports**

48:23 That the Consent Agenda comprising of Agenda 5.1 to 5.5 are hereby approved as written and the CEO of the Library is hereby authorized and directed take such action that may be necessary to give effect to the recommendation as therein contained.

Moved by C. Uwandulu  
 Seconded by B. Bass  
 Carried

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Unattended Children Policy

49.23 Resolved that the Library Board approve the Library's new Unattended Children policy.

Moved by B. Bass

Seconded by R. Janveja

Carried

### 6.2 Correspondence: Canadian Urban Institute's (CUI) report "OVERDUE: The Case for Canada's Public Libraries"

The CEO provided a brief summary of the CUI report previously made available to the Board. The report discusses 2 scenarios: "Stretched to the Brink" (plausible) and "Resourced for Resilience" (aspirational). The report emphasizes the role of libraries in the community, demonstrated very clearly by the services it provided during the pandemic and its expanding role in providing safe spaces for vulnerable populations. It outlines call to actions at the municipal and federal level all aimed at providing libraries with the tools and resources they need to meet challenges of the future.

## 7.0 Adjournment

50:23 Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 7:40pm.

## Next Meeting

The next Library Board meeting will be on February 21, 2024 at Hazel McCallion Central Library.

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Chair