



County of Brant Public Library Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The County of Brant Public Library is dedicated to cultivating a culture of community, literacy, knowledge and understanding.

Date: March 24, 2021

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: via Zoom conference

Present: Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding, Steve Howes, Marc Laferriere, Marilyn Sewell, Jim Shivas, Joyce Smith, Alice Sroka

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, CEO

Call to Order: F. Gladding, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Boyer, Brandon Korleve, and Jessica Kitchen from the County of Brant Policy Planning Department presented a growth and statistical profile of the County population.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: P. Chorpitta

Seconded by: A. Sroka

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of
None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

Onondaga Kiosk – K. Bernstein reported that the County has not yet commissioned the building and opened it to the public. A tentative timeline is 4-6 weeks before opening.

Consent Items

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the March Safety Talk, February JHSC minutes, and COVID-19 commemoration letter to library staff be received as correspondence.

Carried

Board Development

None.

Submissions for Board Development

K. Bernstein informed the Board that the Ontario Library Boards Association (OLBA) is conducting a survey on Library Board/Municipal relationships.

Reports

K. Bernstein presented a verbal update on Library output measures for February 2021. Library usage is approximately 2/3 of February 2020 usage, a trend seen for several months now. CBPL is performing well, relative to neighbouring and comparable library systems.

K. Bernstein presented the February 2021 Statement of Operations. Expenditures are at on track at 11.46% of annual budget. The Library received approval for a New Horizons Grant for Seniors.

P.Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: M. Sewell

THAT the reports be received for information.

Carried

J. Shivas presented 3 draft policies on behalf of the Planning Committee.

Moved by: J. Shivas

Seconded by: J. Smith

THAT the draft policies for Adult Volunteers, Youth Volunteers, and Disposal of Furniture and Equipment be approved as presented.

Carried

Council Updates

Councillors Howes and Laferriere shared news and information from County Council with the Board.

New Business

F. Gladding informed the Board that he has made a donation to the Library, in appreciation of staff dedication and excellence during COVID-19. K. Bernstein will solicit staff input to determine an appropriate and meaningful use of the funds.

Next Meeting

April 28, 2021 via Zoom

Adjournment

J. Shivas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Meeting adjourned.