

**NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024
LAMARSH ROOM, VICTORIA AVENUE LIBRARY & Google Meet**

PRESENT: A. Andres-Jones (Chair), J. Anstruther (Vice Chair), L. Lococo,
B. Ness, J. Roddy, T. Tredwell, K. Tsiantoulas

REGRETS: M. Fraiman, S. Mongrain,

GUESTS: None

STAFF: A. Subnaik Kilgour, C. Lee, M. MacLaren, B. Ur rehman

Meeting was chaired by A. Andres-Jones

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:38pm

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT WAS READ INTO THE MINUTES

The Chonnonton people have called these lands where we are gathering home for thousands of years and more recently, the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory. We would like to acknowledge the enduring resilience of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who call this territory home.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: 2024-27 To approve the agenda of the March 20, 2024 Board Meeting
MOVED BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Regular Minutes of February 21, 2024 Board Meeting

MOTION: 2024-28 To accept the regular minutes of February 21, 2024
Moved by: L. Lococo
Seconded by: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

3.2. Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of February 21, 2024 Board Meeting

MOTION: 2024-29 To accept the Committee-of-the-Whole minutes of February 21, 2024
Moved by: J. Anstruther
Seconded by: K. Tsiantoulas
MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1. Monthly Revenue detail:

5.1.1. Revenue details for February 2024

MOTION: 2024-30 To accept the revenue for the month of February 2024
Moved by: J. Roddy
Seconded by: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

5.2. Monthly Actuals

5.2.1. Actuals as on February 29, 2024

MOTION: 2024-31 To accept the Actuals Report as on February 29, 2024
Moved by: B. Ness
Seconded by: T. Tredwell
MOTION CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. OLS Board Assembly Announcement, Ontario Library Service

6.2. Letter of Thanks, Noeline Burford

MOTION: 2024-32 To accept the correspondence of March 20, 2024
Moved by: K. Tsiantoulas
Seconded by: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

7. BOARD INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- 7.1. Development Charge Report – Draft Rates and Capital Program (Library Specific), City of Niagara Falls
- 7.2. 2024 Development Charges Study: Draft DC Rates Presentation, City of Niagara Falls
- 7.3. AMP Non-Core 2024 Project Update Memo, Tara Gudgeon, City of Niagara Falls
- 7.4. History of Chippawa Library, Niagara Falls Public Library
- 7.5. University of Niagara Falls Canada Earns National Management Accreditations, University of Niagara Falls Canada
- 7.6. Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, Town of Lincoln
- 7.7. Opinion: Censorship and what we are allowed to read, Cathy Simpson, NOTL Public Library, Niagara Now
- 7.8. Letter: Opinion piece espoused right wing talking points, Niagara Now

8. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

8.1. Niagara Falls Public Library

- 8.1.1. 'This really looks like a modern-day library': Stamford Centre branch preparing for reopening after significant renovations | Niagara Falls Review
- 8.1.2. March break promises plenty of fun at Niagara Falls Public Library | Niagara This Week
- 8.1.3. March Break Activities | YourTV Niagara
- 8.1.4. Library bookmobile soon to traverse Niagara Falls streets | St Catharines Standard

8.2. Other

- 8.2.1. Court affirms City of Greater Sudbury defrauded of \$1.5M | Sudbury.com
- 8.2.2. Toronto Public Library storing returned books at 12 trailers off site in wake of cyberattack | CBC News
- 8.2.3. Devastating cyberattack on Toronto Public Library shows how much it still means to the city | Toronto Star
- 8.2.4. London library 'almost fully recovered' from ransomware attack, CEO says | CBC News
- 8.2.5. Ontario approves new \$28-million elementary school for south Niagara Falls | Niagara Falls Review
- 8.2.6. Books and looks: gen Z is 'rediscovering' the public library | The Guardian
- 8.2.7. Revolutionizing Public Libraries: Three Ways that Alternative Service Delivery Strategies Can Meet the Challenges of a Booming Population | Medium.com
- 8.2.8. Small group of screaming protesters barge into Drag Queen Storytime at St. Catharines library | St Catharines Standard
- 8.2.9. Beaufort, SC, bans 5 books from school shelves after push to ban 97 | 60 Minutes, CBS.com

9. CEO REPORT

9.1. March 20, 2024 CEO Report

A. Subnaik Kilgour presented the March 2024 CEO Report

Information and updates were provided on the City's ERP project, the Stamford opening, the status of staff workloads, recent articles related to library neutrality, opportunities for collaboration with local businesses, and considerations regarding the Chippawa branch location.

Following the presentation of the CEO report and related discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: 2024-33 To accept the oral CEO report of March 20, 2024
Moved BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: L. Lococo
MOTION CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. Risk & Finance Committee
 - 10.1.1. February 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - 10.1.2. F01 Budget Policy
 - 10.1.3. F02 Operating Surplus Policy
 - 10.1.4. F03 Accessing Reserves Policy
- 10.2. Policy Index
 - 10.2.1. Occupational Health & Safety Policy

MOTION: 2024-34 To approve the revised Occupational Health and Safety Policy
Moved BY: J. Roddy
SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The following items were provided for the Board’s review:

- 11.1. Systems Stats Report, February 2024
- 11.2. Multi-Year Comparison, February 2024
- 11.3. Strategic Plan Report, February 2024
- 11.4. 2023 TD Summer Reading Impact Report
- 11.5. HR Metrics-Absence & Incident Data, December 2023 to February 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm

NEXT MEETINGS

- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024