

NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2021

This meeting was held virtually on Zoom

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

STAFF: A. Subnaik Kilgour, S. Gajjar, C. Burton, B. Gillap, G. Budharaju

GUESTS: M. Love

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm

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 Anishnaabe 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.

The Chair requested to observe a moment of silence for the remains of the children found from Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Revision proposed to move into committee-of-the-whole meeting after matter 2 and to change the heading of 8.4 from “Cash prizes for the high school awards” to “Cash award for Secondary School Graduates”.

MOTION: 2021-60 To approve the agenda of June 16, 2021 Board meeting

MOVED BY: B. Ness

SECONDED BY: K. Letourneau

MOTION CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

L. Lococo disclosed conflict of interest for 5.2 “Downtown Niagara Falls Story Walk-NFPL partnered with Downtown BIA”.

M. Love joined the meeting at 4:35pm.

3. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE SESSION

MOTION: 2021-61 To move into Committee-of-the-Whole
MOVED BY: K. Letourneau
SECONDED BY: B. Ness
MOTION CARRIED

The Niagara Falls Public Library Board went “in camera” at 4:36 pm in order to address matters pertaining to:

- Labor relations or employee negotiations

MOTION: 2021-65 To rise from Committee-of-the-Whole
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: T. Tredwell
MOTION CARRIED

The “in camera” session was completed at 6:14 pm

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: 2021-66 To accept the minutes of May 19, 2021 and amended Committee-of-the-whole meeting minutes from June 3rd, 2021
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: D. Parakh
MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Reminder for filing 2020 Return- Canada Revenue Agency
Downtown Niagara Falls Story Walk- NFPL partnered with Downtown BIA
Thank you notes for Artist Presentation- Teacher and students of DSBN Grade 4 Virtual Class

MOTION: 2021-67 To accept the correspondence of June 16, 2021
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: D. Parakh
MOTION CARRIED

7. BOARD INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

What post pandemic leadership will look like for Canada- Kartik Kumar
Where are we- The Latest on Library Reopening Strategies- Erica Freudenberger, Library Journal
Statement on the Kamloops residential burial site- Ontario Library Association
Roadmap to reopen plan for Libraries- Ontario Library Service
CEO Networking Meetings- Ontario Library Service
COVID-19 paid sick day implementation in NFPL- Antonio DeGiorgio

8. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Nomination deadlines approaching for Ontario seniors awards | Niagara Falls Review

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) The Library cheque/EFT registers were read into the minutes
May 1-31, 2021 – 2021 Fiscal Year \$ 66,564.94

MOTION: 2021-68 To accept the cheque/EFT registers of May 1-31, 2021
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: K. Tsiantoulas
MOTION CARRIED

b) Monthly revenue and actuals reports were provided for May 2021

MOTION: 2021-69 To accept the reported revenues and actuals of May 2021
MOVED BY: K. Letourneau
SECONDED BY: D. Parakh
MOTION CARRIED

c) A report containing the list of recipients and prizes for the Niagara Falls Public Library high school graduates awards was provided.

A. Subnaik Kilgour read the names of the “to be determined” recipients from St. Michaels Catholic School:

- a) Niagara Falls Public Library Fine Arts Prize- Julia St. George
- b) Niagara Falls Public Library Board Book Prize- Emily Madigan

MOTION: 2021-70 To approve the list of recipients and cash prizes for the students graduating awards
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: L. Lococo
MOTION CARRIED

C. Burton, B. Gillap and G. Budharaju joined the meeting at 6:15 pm.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Update on capital projects

A report was provided to the Niagara Falls Public Library Board on the status of ongoing capital projects. G. Budharaju and B. Gillap presented their screen to provide further details on the report.

L. Lococo left the meeting at 7:12 pm. G. Budharaju and B. Gillap left the meeting at 7:13 pm.

MOTION: 2021-71 To accept the City's recommendation to go for multiple contract sourcing [for the Stamford Library Project]

MOVED BY: T. Tredwell

SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther

MOTION CARRIED

11. CEO REPORT

A. Subnaik Kilgour

- Ontario to enter in step 1 of "Roadmap to Reopening Ontario" and its effect on NFPL
- IRC Manager A. Dronyk completed APLL
- Combined application with the City of Niagara Falls for Green and Inclusive Building Grant for the multi-use Chippawa Willoughby Memorial Arena and Library Project
- Update on "Measuring Social Outcome" Project

MOTION: 2021-72 To accept the CEO report for June 11, 2021

MOVED BY: J. Anstruther

SECONDED BY: K. Tsiantoulas

MOTION CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

a) The following items were provided for the Board's review:

- i. May 2021 Qualitative Statistics
- ii. May 2021 Quantitative Statistics

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

NEXT MEETING

September 29, 2021

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

December 15, 2021