

**NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

January 19, 2022

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, M. MacLaren, C. Burton, A. DeGiorgio

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:32 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.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: 2022-1 To approve the agenda of January 19th, 2022 Board meeting

MOVED BY: B. Ness

SECONDED BY: J. Anstruther

MOTION CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

J. Anstruther disclosed conflict of interest for 9.1 “Cheque/EFT Register for December 1-31, 2021”.

D. Parakh declared a potential conflict of interest for Matter 5 “Move into Committee-of-the Whole meeting”. During matter 5 “Move into Committee-of-the Whole meeting”, it was determined that there wasn’t a conflict of interest and D. Parakh participated in this matter.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: 2022-2 To accept the minutes of regular and Committee-of-the-whole Board Meeting of December 15, 2021

MOVED BY: J. Anstruther

SECONDED BY: D. Parakh

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE SESSION

MOTION: 2022-3 To move into committee of the whole
MOVED BY: D. Parakh
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:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Board

MOTION: 2022-6 To rise from Committee-of-the-Whole
MOVED BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: K. Tsiantoulas
MOTION CARRIED

The “in camera” session was completed at 7:02 pm

T. Tredwell the meeting during in-camera session around 6:25 pm. D. Parakh left the meeting at the end of Committee-of-the-whole meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Confirmation of Annual Information Return filing, CRA

MOTION: 2022-7 To accept the correspondence of January 19, 2022
MOVED BY: B. Ness
SECONDED BY: L. Lococo
MOTION CARRIED

7. BOARD INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to reopen, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
- COVID-19 Proof of vaccination correspondence, Assistant Deputy Minister of Ontario
- Update January 4, 2022, Ontario Library Service
- FAQs on the Non-full-time Expansion, OMERS
- Ontario Passes the Working for Workers Act, 2021, Stringer LLP

8. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Niagara Falls Library dropping overdue fines | Niagara Falls review
- Niagara Falls Public Library puts an end to late fees to improve access for all | Toronto Star
- How Libraries help people in cold weather | Anna Gooding-Call

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a) The Library cheque/EFT registers were read into the minutes
December 1-31, 2021 – 2021 Fiscal Year \$ 104,982.58

MOTION: 2022-8 To accept the cheque/EFT registers of December 1-31, 2021
MOVED BY: K. Letourneau
SECONDED BY: B. Ness
ABSATINED BY: J. Anstruther
MOTION CARRIED

10. CEO REPORT

A. Subnaik Kilgour

- Update on provincial restrictions, Stamford library project, staffing and Mobile Closet partnership with NFPL

MOTION: 2022-9 To accept the CEO report for January 14th, 2022
MOVED BY: J. Anstruther
SECONDED BY: K. Tsiantoulas
MOTION CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The following items were provided for the Board’s review:
- i. December 2021 Qualitative Statistics
 - ii. December 2021 Quantitative Statistics

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

NEXT MEETING

February 16, 2022

March 16, 2022

April 20, 2022