

# Waterloo Public Library

## Regular Meeting of the Board Via ZOOM



Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

# Waterloo Public Library – Board Meeting Minutes – 22/06/2022

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**Board Members Attending:** K. Coviello (Chair); K. McManus (Vice-Chair); D. Charlton; R. Harder; F. Mensink; J. Murphy; J. Strong; Councillor D. Freeman

**Staff:** L. Clarke (CEO); G. Van Eek Meijers (Deputy CEO); Laura Dick (Manager, Branches)

**Regrets:** I. Pandit

## 1. Call to order:

1.1 Land Acknowledgment – K. Coviello (Chair)

K. Coviello (Chair) called the meeting to order.

## 2. Approval of the agenda

- Agenda item 12 no longer required

**Moved by K. McManus**, seconded by J. Strong, that the agenda be approved as amended

**Motion carried.**

## 3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the nature thereof - None

## 4. Approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting

**Moved by D. Freeman**, seconded by R. Harder, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting.

**Motion carried.**

## 5. Business arising from the minutes

- None

## 6. Correspondence

- Thank you cards were received from several long-time WPL retirees.

## 7. Chair update – K. Coviello

- K. Coviello thanked everyone for attending Laurie Clarke's retirement celebration
- Acknowledgement of the significant year for WPL: completion of Main Library HVAC, Covid pivots, Eastside – see Laurie's notes

## 8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance & Resources – F. Mensink

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statements for 2022 were reviewed at the meeting.

**Moved by** F. Mensink; seconded by J. Murphy to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statements for 2022 as information.

## 9. Information items

### 9.1 Eastside Branch Report – L. Dick

- Congratulations to WPL! The Eastside Branch is the winner of the Ontario Library Association's New Building Award. Given out every three years, this award showcases excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries in Ontario. Laura Dick, Project Manager for the Eastside Branch project will accept the award at the Annual Institute on Library as Place Conference in Toronto on July 7, 2022. She will be joined at the ceremony by the principals from our two architectural firms – John MacDonald Architect and ward99 Architects
- D. Freeman acknowledged the great partnership between the City and library that contributed to the success of this project

### 9.2 CEO Report – L. Clarke

- City of Waterloo has announced that facility improvements to the AMCC, including the McCormick Branch have been approved and consultation on design are underway
- A feasibility study to determine the future steps for the Main Library is being planned for 2024
- A donation was received via Canada Helps in appreciation of the library's No Fines announcement
- The City of Waterloo is receptive to our plan to hold open houses to attract new library board members. At the open houses, community members and councillors will learn more about the library and what skills are required to be on the library board
- Current library board members should let Councillor Dianne Freeman know if they want to stay on the board for the new session

## 10. Diversity, equity and inclusion – K. McManus

- K. McManus acknowledged that June is Indigenous History month and highlighted the activities the library has prepared to encourage everyone to appreciate the rich culture and heritage of indigenous peoples, while learning more about the atrocities that Indigenous communities have faced and continue to face today. Activities include: a webpage dedicated to Indigenous History Month programs, reading lists, educational resources, community events and more
- Board members shared various reflections on the topic

## 11. Other Business

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- Initiated by D. Charlton, Board members ended the meeting with a round of applause celebrating the completion of a successful year

### **12. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Main Library

### **13. Adjournment**

**Moved by D. Freeman**, seconded by R. Harder, that the meeting be adjourned

**Motion carried.**