

# Waterloo Public Library

## Regular Meeting of the Board Via ZOOM



Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**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**

**Moved by D. Charlton**, seconded by F. Mensink, that the agenda be approved

**Motion carried.**

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

**4. Approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting**

**Moved by J. Strong**, seconded by D. Charlton, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting.

**Motion carried.**

**5. Business arising from the minutes**

- None

**6. Correspondence**

- None

**7. Chair update – K. Coviello**

- None

**8. Committee Reports**

- None

## 9. Information items

### 9.1 Eastside Branch Report – L. Dick

- The community loves the Eastside Branch! Over 2,500 customers attended the branch opening on Saturday May 7 and staff are receiving many expressions of thanks
- Numbers for the first three weeks: 12, 578 visits; 12,200 items circulated; 405 new memberships

### 9.2 CEO Report – L. Clarke

- Eastside Branch sponsorship gala was a huge success, with over 300 guests
- We are observing more and more customers returning to the library after the pandemic
- Those visiting the Main Library are enjoying new lounge furniture recently installed
- As mandated by the Ontario government, WPL's "Right to Disconnect" policy is now in place
- A redesign of the library website is planned for later this year
- Reminder: Board Committee annual reports will be presented at the AGM on June 22, 2022

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

- Watched the video "Eyes Open: An Anti-Racism PSA". The month of May in Ontario is dedicated to celebrating the contributions of Canadians from over 30 countries that make up the Asian and South Asian diaspora
- Following the video, engaged in discussion as follows: "While honouring Asian Heritage Month, how can our actions move beyond "token gestures" to developing a deepened understanding and appreciation of the Asian culture?"
- Shared what the WPL team is doing for Asian Heritage Month, via programming

## 11. Other Business

### Via email post May Board meeting:

**Moved by F. Mensink**, seconded by K. Coviello to approve the Audited Financial Statements year ending December 31, 2021

**Motion carried.**

## 12. In-camera for the purpose of considering the following subject matter – personal matters about an identifiable individual

**Moved by K. McManus**, seconded by J. Murphy, to move in-camera.

**Moved by K. McManus**, seconded by F. Mensink to move out-of-camera.

**Motion carried.**

**13. Date of next meeting**

AGM June 22, 2022 immediately followed by a Regular Meeting via ZOOM

**14. Adjournment**

**Moved by J. Strong**, seconded by R. Harder, that the meeting be adjourned

**Motion carried.**