

**REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Connaught Branch Program Room
June 23, 2015**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

D. Lucke, Chair
R. Kapoor, Deputy Chair
E. Brenner
Mayor M. Fougere
C. Kobayashi
B. March-Burwell
S. Quinlan
J. Weekes

Also in attendance:

J. Barber
J. McKenna
J. Niedermayer

REGRETS:

Councillor S. Bryce

1. Call to Order:

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:40 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

R. Kapoor moved to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Minutes of Past Meetings:

- (a) B. March-Burwell moved to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. CARRIED.
- (b) C. Kobayashi moved to adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting. CARRIED.

5. Delegations

a) Friends of Regina Public Library (FRPL)

The FRPL held a public meeting on June 9th where they presented information from RPL's *Public Input Summary* for the 21st Century Central Library and the *RPL Central Library Building Assessment*. J. Havelock presented to the Board a number of the reactions to the reports that were expressed at the meeting. The Board suggested the FRPL clarify its official position on Central Library Development.

R. Kapoor moved to receive and file the presentation to the Board by the FRPL. CARRIED.

b) Albert Community Library Committee – Annual Report

Natasha Thomson, Chairperson of the Albert Community Library Committee (ALCLC) presented the ALCLC Annual Report to the Board. R. Kapoor thanked Natasha for her work on the Committee. D. Lucke thanked Natasha for sharing the highlights of the events from the past year.

C. Kobayashi moved to receive and file the ALCLC Annual Report to the Board. CARRIED.

6. Information Items

a) Parliamentary Procedures and Conduct of a Meeting

Mayor M. Fougere moved to refer the issue of parliamentary procedures and conduct of a meeting to the Governance Committee for review. CARRIED.

C. Kobayashi moved to receive and file the Information Items. CARRIED.

7. Decision Items

a) Public Accounts

J. Barber presented RPL'S 2014 Public Accounts to the Board. If the mandate of the Audit and Finance Committee is approved to include it, the Public Accounts would, in future, go to that Committee for referral to the Board. Board members expressed an interest in having the Audit & Finance Committee review the format and content of the Library's Public Accounts for 2015.

Mayor Fougere moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the 2014 Public Accounts. CARRIED.

b) Financial Statements – May 2015

J. Barber presented to the Board a summary variance report for the financial statements to May 31, 2015.

C. Kobayashi moved to receive and file the financial statements to May 31, 2015. CARRIED.

c) Monitoring Reports

Two reports in support of the Strategic Plan were submitted to the Board, *Creating a Welcoming Environment* and *RPL in 2001 & Beyond*.

Mayor Fougere moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the report, *Creating a Welcoming Environment*. CARRIED.

B. March-Burwell moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the report, *RPL in 2001 & Beyond*. CARRIED.

d) Board Committee Mandates and Terms of Reference

All committees except the HR Committee have met and have had discussions about mandates and early priorities. D. Lucke asked that Library Administration consolidate the comments into a draft mandate for each of the Committees. The Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the Board Committee Mandates and Terms of Reference, as presented.

Mayor Fougere moved that the Governance Committee consider whether the Committee of the Whole is necessary now that we have Committees to make recommendations to the Board. CARRIED.

Mayor Fougere moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the Committee mandates and terms of reference. CARRIED.

e) Art Acquisition

The Art Acquisition Committee of the RPL Board was not continued this year as the Board's oversight of the art collection does not require that degree of operational consideration. Review of the policy to bring it in line with preferred practice will be part of the policy review of the Governance Committee in the coming months. Board approval is required for art acquisitions to qualify for a Canada Council for the Arts matching grant program to support the purchase of Canadian works of art. RPL, through its purchases for the permanent collection of the Dunlop Art Gallery (DAG), is a recipient of this grant for qualifying works on an almost annual basis.

The following works are recommended for acquisition to RPL's permanent collection by the Committee of the Whole.

1. Joi Arcand, *Ice Cream Legislature – Regina Saskatchewan* (from the series *Here on Future Earth*), 2009, digital photograph. Total cost - \$800.
2. KC Adams*, *Birch Bark Ltd., 2012, porcelain, LED lights*. Total cost - \$1,500.
3. Tammi Campbell, Selection from *Works in Progress* (studies series) 2013 to present, acrylic on matboard. Total cost - \$900.
4. Marie Lannoo*, *Purple, Green*, 2014, paintings, acrylic and mineral powder on paper. Artist will donate 4 additional works with RPL's acquisition of *Purple, Green*, 2014, including *Orange, Red, Yellow, and Blue* 2014, paintings, acrylic and mineral powder on paper. Total cost - \$6,600.

C. Kobayashi moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to approve the art purchases for addition to the permanent collection. CARRIED.

f) Internet Access Policy

The Library's original Internet Access Policy was written in the 1990s but the most recent version was passed in 2002. The policy seems to have been reviewed in 2003 but was not changed. RPL has not filtered Internet access in the past. While much of the policy is values-based and the provision of open Internet service at RPL is a long-standing practice, revisiting the legal framework surrounding the service is appropriate.

Mayor Fougere moved that the Board direct Library administration to prepare a report for the September Board meeting that outlines the mechanisms and procedures in place to support the Internet Access Policy. CARRIED.

g) Pension Plan Update

The reforms necessary to ensure the financial stability and effective governance of the Regina Civic Employees' Superannuation and Benefit Plan have been negotiated, agreed to, and accepted by the Superintendent of Pensions. The work to complete the final official documents that will substantiate these changes are expected to be finished and distributed to the participating employers and employee groups in early July 2015.

The City of Regina has asked the participating employers and employee groups to provide letters of support and / or notification of ratification by mid-August. City council, on the strength of these letters of support and notifications of ratification, will, in September 2015, then make the requisite changes to Civic Bylaw No. 3125 that removes decision-making authority from the council and vests it in the newly created Sponsor's Board. The

Regina Public Library will have one (1) Employer representative on that Board. Once these actions have been completed, the Pension & Disability Administration will finalize the steps necessary to implement the proposed plan changes effective January 1, 2016. A response from the Board is required by mid-August.

The Board agreed to meet prior to the response deadline to review the documents and provide direction to the Library Administration.

8. Calendar of Events

C. Kobayashi moved to receive and file the Calendar of events. CARRIED.

9. Adjournment

R. Kapoor moved to adjourn the Board meeting. CARRIED.



Board Chair



Secretary