

THE TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES - OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Library Board was held at the Norma and Miller Alloway Library on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 1:00 p. m.

PRESENT:

Kim Alexander
Heidi Berninger – Vice-Chairperson
Barb Bridgeman – Councillor
Marg Buddo
Valerie Duke – Chairperson
Cathy Duck-CEO, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Donelda Hayes – Councillor

1. Call to Order

a. V. Duke called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration

“The Muskoka Lakes Public Library acknowledges that these land and waters are the traditional homeland of the Ojibway (*Oh-jib-way*) Nation and the Huron /Wendat (*Huron/When-dat*) Nation and now includes communities from the Mohawk Nation and the Metis (*May-tee*) Nation of Ontario. We acknowledge their stewardship throughout the ages.”

3. Adoption of Agenda

a. Consideration of a resolution to adopt the Library Board agenda dated December 14, 2021.

Resolution Number 1-12/14/21

Moved by H. Berninger; Seconded by B. Bridgeman; be it resolved that the Library Board agenda be adopted.

Carried.

4. Disclosure of Interest

a. None declared.

5. Receipt/Adoption of Minutes

a. Consideration of a resolution to adopt the Library Board minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Resolution Number 2-12/14/21

Moved by M. Buddo; Seconded by H. Berninger; be it resolved that the Library Board minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 be adopted.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. None.

7. Financial

- a. Budget Variance Report
-Reviewed and found to be within budget guidelines.

Resolution Number 3-12/14/21

Moved by B. Bridgeman; Seconded by M. Buddo to accept the report as presented.

- b. Budget 2022
-Budget will be presented for consideration of approval on January 12, 2022.

8. Reports

- a. CEO
- as reported.
Additions to report:
-the Library received donations from McMurray Construction and Muskoka Lakes Ratepayers; rapid tests have been obtained from the Chamber of Commerce and all staff will test twice a week; all staff completed two sessions of Indigenous training offered by the municipality; plans are in progress to offer preschool story time at the community centre in January.
- b. Council Representative
-B. Bridgeman advised the Board that work continues on Budget 2022.

9. Administrative Issues

- a. Year Three Board Plan
- reviewed.

10. Policy Development and Review

- a. Policy/Plan –
-GF-05 – Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration

Resolution Number 4-12/14/21

Moved by H. Berninger; Seconded by B. Bridgeman: be it resolved that the Library Board adopt the policy Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration.
Carried.

- In the new year M. Buddo will reach out to the Wahta Mohawks community.

11. New and Unfinished Business

- a. Board Assembly Update
-M. Buddo attended the online Board Assembly meeting. She reported that out of 50 libraries only 11 attended. She advised that any Board member could sign up to receive Board Assembly emails. There are two meetings a year and she finds them to be a worthwhile experience.
- K. Alexander advised the Board that she is resigning as a member of the Library Board effective December 31, 2021. The Board acknowledged her contributions to the Board and extended their thanks to her for her valuable service.

12. Closed Session

- a. None.

13. Adjournment

a. Consideration of a resolution to adjourn.

Resolution Number 5-12/14/21

Moved by H. Berninger; be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m.
Carried.

CHAIRPERSON:

V. Duke

SECRETARY:

Cathy Duck

APPROVED:

January 11/22