# St. Catharines Public Library Board

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The St. Catharines Public Library Board is committed to providing all the citizens of St. Catharines with the highest level of library services, materials, and facilities within the resources available to meet their informational, educational, and recreational needs.

#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019 Board Room

Present:

H. Findlay

K. Tribble

Councillor L. Littleton

S. Tromanhauser (Vice-Chair)

Councillor B. Williamson

L. McDonald (Chair)

R. Unrau

F. Sheikh

Regrets: Staff:

V. De Luca D. Andrusko

K. Smith Curtis

D. Bott

J. Spera

N. Bryans (Recording Secretary)

K. Su (Secretary)

A. McKenzie

The Regular Meeting of the St. Catharines Public Library Board was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Central Library. The Chair called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

# 1. Adoption of Agenda

1.1 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Add Item 6.6 SOLS Budget Reduction - K. Su (verbal)

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION: 2019-35** 

THAT the Library Board adopt the Agenda as amended.

MOVED BY:

R. Unrau

SECONDED BY:

S. Tromanhauser

MOTION CARRIED.

# Presentation of the Draft Audited Financial Statements:

Scott Plugers, CPA, CA, Senior Manager, Audit with KPMG LLP discussed the year-end audit, presented the Draft Financial Statements and responded to the Board's questions.

**MOTION: 2019-36** 

THAT the Board approve the audited financial statements for the St. Catharines Public Library Board for the year ending December 3, 2018.

MOVED BY:

Councillor L. Littleton

**SECONDED BY:** 

F. Sheikh

MOTION CARRIED.

# 2. Chair's Remarks

L. McDonald reported that he attended the State of the Region and a variety of meetings. He plans to attend the Library Board Training Sessions on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

**Approve** 

# 3. Consent Agenda (attachments)

3.1 Regular Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2019
3.2 Correspondence
3.3 Chief Executive Officer's Report – K. Su
3.4 Health and Safety Report – K. Smith Curtis
3.5 Branch Reports – March 2019
3.6 Facilities Report – K. Smith Curtis
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3.6 Facilities Report – K. Smith Curtis

3.7 Finance – as at March 31, 2019

3.7(a) Schedule of Accounts – Report 3 3.7(b) Statement of Operating Accounts

3.7(c) Endowment and Trust Fund Statement

3.7(d) Report on Short-Term Investments

**MOTION: 2019-36** 

THAT the Consent Agenda items be approved as circulated.

MOVED BY: SECONDED BY: S. Tromanhauser Councillor L. Littleton

MOTION CARRIED.

# 4. Business Arising

# 4.1 Employee and Trustee Recognition Policy - K. Su

The Board received a written report and draft policy. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: 2019-37** 

THAT the Board approve the Employee and Trustee

Recognition Policy.

MOVED BY:

S. Tromanhauser

SECONDED BY:

K. Tribble

MOTION CARRIED.

#### 4.2 Library Board Training Sessions – K. Su

K. Su reported on the Board Training Sessions being organized by Niagara Area Libraries to be held at West Lincoln Public Library – Smithville Branch on April 27, 2019. Board members were encouraged to attend.

# 4.3 Niagara Libraries - Provincial Governance Review - K. Smith Curtis

K. Smith Curtis reported on two meetings held with CEO's and Board Chairs of Public Libraries in the Niagara Region about the Provincial Government Review. The Chair requested that her meeting notes be shared with the Board at the next meeting.

#### 5. Reports

#### 5.1 St. Catharines City Council

Councillor B. Williamson reported on Council's appointment of the new Library Board, the plans for a more comprehensive Tree By-Law, the Ontario Government's Governance Review, and the Senior's Centre in Port Dalhousie.

#### 5.2 <u>SOLS</u>

No report.

# 6. New Business

# 6.1 March Break Programs - A. McKenzie

The Board received a written report.

#### 6.2 Strategic Plan Proposal – K. Su

The Board received a written report. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: 2019-38** 

THAT the Library Board approve the use of Reserves Funds.

(as per the report) to hire an advisor to develop a new Strategic

Plan for the Library.

MOVED BY:

S. Tromanhauser

SECONDED BY:

R. Unrau

**MOTION CARRIED.** 

# 6.3 Homelessness Training Sessions - K. Su

K. Su reported that Homelessness Training Sessions are available to staff online and an in-person workshop is planned for Monday, May 27, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

# 6.4 Business for Next Meeting

6.4(a) Ratification of 2019 Operating Budget – K. Smith Curtis

6.4(b) Reserves, Endowment & Trust Funds, and Donations - K. Smith Curtis

# 6.5 <u>Informational Materials</u>

Informational materials were included in the Board package.

# 6.6 SOLS Budget Reduction – K. Su

K. Su reported on the effects of the SOLS Budget Reduction. Discussion ensued. The Board directed staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

MOTION: 2019-39

THAT the St. Catharines Public Library Board strongly opposes the 50% reduction to the funding to SOLS due to the negative impact to our patrons and we request the immediate reinstatement of their funding.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

Councillor L. Littleton S. Tromanhauser

MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. In-Camera Business

# 7.1 Motion to Move In-Camera

**MOTION: 2019-40** 

THAT the meeting move In-Camera.

MOVED BY:

S. Tromanhauser

SECONDED BY:

R. Unrau

**MOTION CARRIED.** 

The meeting moved In-Camera at 9:04 pm.

# 7.2 Adoption of In-Camera Agenda

7.2(a) Additions/Deletions to In-Camera Agenda

None

#### 7.2(b) Adoption of In-Camera Agenda

**MOTION: 2019-41** 

THAT the In-Camera Agenda be adopted.

MOVED BY:

Councillor L. Littleton

SECONDED BY:

K. Tribble

MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7.3 In-Camera Minutes

# 7.3(a) In-Camera Meeting, March 21, 2019

MOTION: 2019-42 THAT the Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting of March

21, 2019 be approved, a copy having been received by

each Trustee.

MOVED BY: S. Tromanhauser

SECONDED BY: Councillor B. Williamson

MOTION CARRIED.

# 7.4 Business Arising

None

# 7.5 Correspondence

The Board received the In-Camera correspondence as of April 17, 2019.

#### 7.6 New Business

# 7.6(a) Request for Reinstatement - K. Smith Curtis

K. Smith Curtis updated the Board about 2 patrons' requests for reinstatement.

MOTION: 2019-43 THAT the patrons be notified that they are not

reinstated at this time. Patrons may re-apply to the

Library Board.

MOVED BY: Councillor B. Williamson

SECONDED BY: K. Tribble

MOTION CARRIED.

# 7.7 Return to Open Session

**MOTION: 2019-44** THAT the meeting return to Open Session.

MOVED BY: R. Unrau

**SECONDED BY:** S. Tromanhauser

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:12 pm.

# 8. Business Arising from In-Camera Session

None

# 9. Motion to Adjourn

**MOTION: 2019-45** THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**MOVED BY:** R. Unrau

SECONDED BY: Councillor L. Littleton

**MOTION CARRIED.** 

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm, in the Board Room

Chair