

APPROVED

January 4, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M. Centennial Branch Boardroom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Maria Brigantino	Joan Christensen
Ken Burden	Dianne Fleming
Larry Graber, Chair	
Tricia-Lynn Pascia (from 5:23 p.m.)	
Barb Ruegg	
STAFF PRESENT	DELEGATIONS
Schelley Hiebert, CEO	

The meeting was brought to order by the Chair at approximately 4:55 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the lands protected by the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. This gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who continue to live here. This acknowledgement reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1.1 Approval of Agenda

24-001 Moved by: Ken Burden

Seconded by: Barb Ruegg

That the Agenda of the January 4, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 Public Consultation – Regional Governance Review

24-002 Moved by: Barb Ruegg Seconded by: Ken Burden

That the Fort Erie Public Library Board approve the document entitled "Public Consultation – Regional Governance Review – Niagara Region on behalf of the Niagara Region's Public Libraries.

Motion was Lost

The CEO circulated a position paper that was authored by the CEO/Chief Librarian of the Niagara Falls Public Library. The document was prepared to present at the public consultation Regional Governance Review for the Niagara Region, on behalf of the eleven Public Libraries in the Region.

A copy of the document was circulated to Library Board Members for review. Board Members discussed the contents of the document at great length with a view of determining if the contents of the position paper were reflective of the Fort Erie Public Library's position. It was unanimously agreed that the Fort Erie Public Library would not support the document as written and directed the CEO to advise the authors of the document that the Fort Erie Public Library did not wish to be represented on the submission. The motion to approve was defeated with every member of the Library Board voting in the negative.

3.2 Memorandum of Understanding between the Fort Erie Public Library Board and the Friends of the Library

24-003 Moved by: Tricia-Lynn Pascia

Seconded by: Barb Ruegg

That the Fort Erie Public Library Board approve the revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Library, as presented

And further, that the Chair of the Library Board forward the revised document to the Friends of the Library.

Carried

The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding are to be reviewed annually. The Chair of the Board reported the agreement has not been updated in a number of years and presented an updated/revised Memorandum of Understanding for discussion with library board members. Board members discussed each of the revisions proposed. Consensus was reached to approve the Memorandum of Understanding revisions as presented. The Chair will forward the Board approved revisions to the Friends of the Library Executive for their consideration.

4. MEETINGS

10.1 Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:30 p.m. Centennial Boardroom

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Chair of the Board declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The undersigned have reviewed the Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Original Signed by:

Larry Graber, Chair

Original Signed by:

Schelley Hiebert, CEO