

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF  
THE GREATER SUDBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

December 16, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

Commencement: 5:04 p.m.  
Adjournment: 5:57 p.m.

**PRESENT**

M. Bellmore (Chair), Councillor M. Signoretti, M. Lamarche, L. McGauley, K. Bowman, T. Laughren, A. Thomson

**REGRETS**

S. Townend, L. Davis

**CITY STAFF**

Ian Wood – Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, Communications and Citizen Services  
Sandra Cull – Administrative Assistant, Communications  
Mette Kruger – Manager of Libraries and Museums  
Jessica Watts – Manager of Citizen Services  
Colleen Burns – New Central Library Project Lead

Meeting was called to order.

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Greater Sudbury Public Library serves a community located on the lands of the Anishnawbek Peoples and within the territory of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. This is the traditional territory of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, the Wahnapiatae First Nation and the Sagamok First Nation. Greater Sudbury Public Library gratefully acknowledges these Indigenous Nations for their guardianship of this land.

The following motion was presented:

2021-96 A. Thomson / T. Laughren

**THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board move into a Closed Session to deal with a personal matter about an identifiable individual in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, 1990, s.16.1 (4)(b) and (4)(d).

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATIONS OF  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
AND GENERAL NATURE  
THEREOF**

None declared

**MINUTES**

The following motion was presented:

2021- 97 M. Signoretti / A. Thomson

**THAT** the minutes of the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on October 28, 2021 be adopted.

**REPORTS**

Administration Update

J. Watts did an interview with CBC regarding the Promotion Campaign for December and will do another interview in the upcoming week. This campaign focuses on the changes and successes of the library, the good news stories. This campaign is also being promoted on billboards and Jessica's interview will air over Christmas.

M. Kruger reported that she and J. Watts are working with leaders within the library to identify strategic priorities within Communications and Programming to sure these operational areas are working in support of the library's broader goals.

Clear the Card Campaign

Clear the Card Campaign takes place each year in the month of January. As it is realized that not all patrons have the funds to pay their overdue fines during the pandemic, fines have been placed on hold since July, 2020. As part of the Clear the Campaign, the library will waive up to \$80.00 of library fines as part of the fines amnesty program. Feedback from patrons on the 2021 implementation of this campaign was very positive and resulted in very grateful patrons who were able to continue using the library thanks to the program. The group discussed whether they felt this program is abused. Mette advised that there is a national trend to forgive fines in all libraries.

The following motion was presented:

2021-98 L. McGauley / M. Lamarche

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approves a Clear the Campaign for the month of January up to a maximum of \$80.00.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Update on Junction East, New Central Library Project  
Presented by Colleen Burns, New Central Library Project Lead

C. Burns provided an update on the New Central Library. The project has undergone value engineering work which has resulted in a clearer vision for library space. Changes to the square footage recommended by the Library include the removal of a nursing room in favour of multi-use sensory pods within the Children's area reducing the Makerspace, incorporating the crafting room as part of the Children's Area as opposed to keeping it a separate space. The City will be posting a Junction East update in the near future.

Colleen highlighted what community organizations and business are saying in support of the project. The library has received 13 letters of support thus far. Colleen thanked Kate Bowman for her contribution to the Letters of Support.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The following motion was presented:

2021-99 L. McGauley / K. Bowman

**THAT** this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Ian Wood, Secretary

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Michael Bellmore, Chair