

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

October 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Commencement: 5:01 p.m.
Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M. Signoretti (Chair), L. Davis, M. Lamarche, L. McGauley, S. Townend, T. Laughren, A. Thomson

REGRETS

M. Bellmore, K. Bowman

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.

AGENDA

The following motion was presented:

2021-92 A. Thomson / T. Laughren

THAT the agenda of the Twenty-Seventh meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board be adopted.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Signoretti introduced and welcome Ashley Thomson to the Board.

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

None declared

MINUTES

The following motion was presented:

2021-93 L. Davis / L. McGauley

THAT the minutes of the Twenty-Sixth meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on September 23, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS

CEO Report – CEO Recruitment Administration Update

Ian confirmed that the Library Board CEO position was posted in October and attracted a fairly healthy response of applicants. The Committee is now working on short-listing the applicants and the next step will be to schedule interviews.

Revision / Finalization of 2022 Budget Request

With a recalculation done by Finance the following motion was presented:

2021-94 L. Davis / T. Laughren

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library hereby rescinds motion 2021-90 and approves a net budget request for the 2022 CGS Budget of \$8,626,537.00, which represents a 4.7% increase from 2021.

It was noted that A. Thomson abstained and all other Board members approved.

PRESENTATION

Central Library Project Update

Colleen Burns thanked the Board for having her at the meeting. She advised that there are now 12 Letters of Support and thanked Kate Bowman for her help in this regard.

Two new videos of the new library have been filmed and will be released on November 17. These videos are part of “Our Stories” for the New Central Library. Colleen asked the Board members to email their own videos of their stories of excitement regarding the new library.

There are presently Makerspace and Junction East Engagement Surveys available to the public to allow people to express what they would like to see in the new library. Colleen shared some of the survey comments with the Board. There are ongoing plans to do more outreach to gather more data. Colleen will provide the Board with demographic data regarding the surveys.

Junction East – Where We Are At

Ian shared the Junction East presentation with the group. The Junction East vision is being achieved and the vision and goals are being met. The presentation described challenges, shared visuals, operations and governance and revised costing. There are cost concerns and plans to address the same, staff are looking for solutions such as funding opportunities to address the cost increase and Ian will keep the group updated with this information. The group discussed the increase in cost and possible fundraising as well as other funding opportunities. The group discussed advocating to local MP's. It was agreed that Councillors, the Mayor and the Chair should be part of the discussion with MP's to advocate the New Central Library.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair's Presentation to City Finance and Administration Committee

Michael Bellmore will be presenting to the City Finance and Administration Committee on November 2. The link to this meeting will be provided to the Board.

Recruitment Update

Mette advised the Board that Colleen Burn's contract position as the New Main Library Lead has been renewed for another year.

Meeting Room Update

Under a new Ontario Regulation, all meeting rooms and meeting spaces must now have a vaccine policy. Mette spoke with the Legal Department of the City and was advised that a new Vaccine Policy may be rolled out as early as next week. Enforcement of the policy will fall on frontline staff. There will be zero tolerance of not adhering to the policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2021-95 A. Thomson / L. Davis

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Mette Krüger, Secretary

Michael Bellmore, Chair