

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

October 18, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

Commencement: 5:22 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:37 p.m.

PRESENT

P. Arora, M. Bellmore, K. Bowman, F. Cormier, M. Lamarche, T. Laughren, M. Signoretti, A. Thomson

REGRETS

A. Sizer

STAFF

Brian Harding, CEO and Chief Librarian
Mette Krüger, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources
Colleen Burns, Administrative Co-ordinator of Library Services

GUESTS

Eleethea Savage, City of Greater Sudbury
Nicholas Zinger, City of Greater Sudbury

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:22 pm.

**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.

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

None declared

AGENDA

The following motion was presented:

2023-39 P. Arora / M. Lamarche

THAT the agenda of the SEVENTH meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, October 18, 2023, be approved

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Cultural Hub at Tom Davies Square (Nicholas Zinger, City of Greater Sudbury)

Presentation

Accomplishments to date

- GSPL staff have worked with CGS team
- Rethinking operations; considering constraints as well as opportunities within this retrofit building

GSPL layout

- One Stop Shop there to offer municipal services

- Nick gave a brief overview of the library floor plans

Partner Updates

- Art Gallery – later this week, Nick will present to the AGS Board
- They have indicated they are okay to proceed
- Their space will occupy the first, second and parking level of 199 Larch St.
- SMFAA – temporary relocation to 200 Brady St.

Project Renderings

- Intended to orient the program layout & situate the library within TDS
- Walls of TDS are not structural, only columns

Tom Davies Square: the Facility

- Recent capital investments include the courtyard, elevators, safety systems, universal washroom and One Stop Shop

Municipal Service Relocation

- City departments will be relocated to 199 Larch, including some depts that are working currently at different sites

Next Steps

- Seeking Ontario Building Code Compliance Alternative
- The City's Chief Building Official may be able to grant a Code Compliance Alternative in the short term
- Development of an advanced 3D render of the partner spaces
- Class D costing to be shared with Council Dec 5
- MOUs with each partner are being reviewed by CGS Legal and senior administration
- City staff are developing a Terms of Reference for the procurement process

Discussion

A Board member asked what the Marketplace on the first floor means. Nick explained that it is part of the functional program space of the library, which includes exhibition, seating, and materials return.

A Board member asked if City Council continues to use its Chambers. Nick replied that Council does continue to meet there, and that the Chambers will remain as-is, though they may be available for special events, with bookings handled within the purview of Clerks.

A Board member asked if the team would include a Heritage consultant, considering the age of the building and its significance. Nick replied that while Tom Davies Square is not considered to be a Heritage building but that can be considered.

The Board member inquired what the makeup and experience of architectural team would be. Nick replied that they will retain library and art gallery experts. Eleethea added that project partners will be involved in the procurement process to a similar degree as with the Junction East process.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 New Central Library Direction [Resolution Prepared]

Report attached

Colleen presented a walkthrough of each floor, discussing featured items. Mette presented an overview of the clusters, including the square footage associated with the program. The square footage is comparable with the Library's Functional Requirements. On upper floors, the collections need to be spread out to achieve Code Compliance, which has necessitated extra space in the Local History and Children's areas. The Marketplace shows a slight decrease in square footage due to the layout of the building, but we've used the opportunity to offer display areas on different floors. The staff spaces are comparable in size.

Total net square footage:

- 41,775 – GSPL Functional Requirements
- 41,836 – Offered in TDS

A Board member asked if the Library will have ownership over any outdoor spaces. Brian replied that there are several potential opportunities for outdoor access, including an outdoor amphitheater space in the courtyard, the terrace between TDS and the Police building, and the courtyard accessible from the children's area. We will develop a facility use agreement with the City determine how spaces are controlled.

A Board member asked if people will be able to use the stairs to access different floors within TDS. Brian replied that there is a hope to re-open and use the stairs that were closed with the development of the One Stop Shop.

A Board member asked what will occupy the non-library space on the third floor. Brian replied that will remain as City staff space, divided from library space.

Detailed Design Considerations

- Ingress/egress, security, transitions, the user journey, materials workflow, power and ethernet, CPTED, public washrooms, and outdoor space

Brian is seeking Board endorsement and direction to proceed to next stage. If the Board approves this next step, it will initiate several pieces of work:

- Detailed design
- Code Compliance Alternative
- CGS/GSPL Terms of Reference
- Parking Study
- GSPL Stakeholder Engagement

Brian's report reflects the steps staff have taken up to this point since the Board's decision in March.

Discussion

A Board member asked for more information about the Code

Compliance Alternative. Brian provided more context:

- City conducted a Structural Assessment of TDS
- Compared the Ontario Building Code (OBC) requirements with the TDS as-built drawings
- OBC defines library use as needing 150 PSF (pounds per square foot), whereas office use needs 50 PSF. This is based on an older, denser style of library shelving
- We identified an opportunity to reduce the height of our stacks to meet this loading limit while also improving accessibility
- The Structural Analysis showed that 3-shelf high stacks are less than 100 PSF, acceptable on the main floor
- OBC offers no consideration for different stack heights
- The City believes our design complies with the actual structural capacity of building even though it doesn't comply with the letter of the Code, the code compliance process will seek approval for an exception

The City team intends to update Council in December. Brian plans to update the Board at the same time.

A Board member asked if this project is contingent on the Art Gallery project. Brian shared that the City will be developing MOUs with each individual organization and we believe our project could go ahead individually if necessary.

The following motion was presented:

2023-40 K. Bowman / A. Thomson

1. **THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board endorse the work completed to date to investigate alternative locations for the New Central Library as well as the initial design concept for the New Central Library at Tom Davies Square.

2. **THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board directs the CEO/Chief Librarian to continue development of a design concept for the New Central Library at Tom Davies Square.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2023-41 T. Laughren / F. Cormier

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Brian Harding, CEO

Michael Bellmore, Chair