

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE
CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

December 15th, 2016
MacKenzie Branch

Commencement: 4:15 p.m.
Adjournment: 5:50 p.m.

PRESENT

M. Bellmore, Councillor Signoretti (departed at 5:15 p.m.), C. Derrenbacher, C. Beaudry, S. Townend and C. Singbush

REGRETS

Councillor Reynolds

CITY STAFF

Brian Harding, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources; M. Krüger, Coordinator of Public Services, R. Clouthier, Manager of Citizen Services, Mary Searle, Coordinator of Library Collections, Jessica Watts, Co-Ordinator, Outreach Programs and Partnerships

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

None declared.

MINUTES

The following motion was presented:

2016-45 S. Townend / C. Singbush

THAT the minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on November 24th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

New Main Library / Art Gallery Project – Status Update

The consultants were here this week for three days conducting meetings with City Councillors, City staff, Art Gallery staff and prominent members of the community. They gathered information, toured possible sites and will be communicating a summary of initial findings. Discussions took place regarding location, whether it should be a city-owned building or shared, possibility scaling back on the size of the project and timelines.

The Art Gallery Chair and Board seem supportive of the project as the consultant has presented which is a good sign. There have been examples of other communities such as Grimsby, Aurora, Cambridge and Oakville, who have had successful similar projects.

The Board discussed the current Place des Arts project and the planned location of the same. Councillor Signoretti put forward his support to have the new Library / Art Gallery near this new hub with the possibility of using the existing arena as a possible location. Councillor Signoretti will inquire about deadlines that may be in place for grant opportunities that may be available before the deadline set for update from consultants.

The group also discussed the possibility of the sale of other city facilities to accommodate this project including the current library site and the archives building as well as ideas around financing for the building and sale of other facilities.

The group then extensively discussed the location. Support was given for the downtown location including the site of the existing arena, the old hospital site and the Ste. Anne Road site. The group discussed the importance of visibility, traffic flow, transit and accessibility. There are many factors preventing a decision for location at this time and it is good to have different options to consider.

The consultants will be developing their recommendations and bringing forward a draft report which includes business case, capital requirements and general functions by April / May 2017. Funding opportunities and grant requirements need to be identified. Earlier deadlines may need to be met with certain grant opportunities The Board expressed their desire to move up deadlines for business plan..

Brian will share the document Susan presented with samples from other communities. He will also attend at the Planning Department to find out current status of old hospital site. Brian will update joint committee with funding opportunities and possible earlier deadlines that may need to be met. He will also follow up with property owner of Ste. Anne road site to see if there were any changes to that opportunity.

2017 Materials

Brian introduced Mary Searle to the group and proceeded to go through the Collection Budget. A quick overview of collections, backgrounds, increases and decreases in usages was discussed. The group inquired about bulk buying, dispersing of older materials to schools and material sharing with other groups. The new software acquired, Collection HQ, helps to ensure money is being spent according to need and popularity.

Organizational Structure

There has been a re-organization of the corporate structure. Citizen Services, which includes Libraries, Museums and Archives will remain in the Community Development department. Luisa Valle has been appointed as the Director of Citizen Services. Call Centres are being removed from Citizen Services and report directly to the CAO through Communications..

CORRESPONDENCE

Statement on Capital Funding for New Main Library Project from General Manager of Community Development

A letter was initially forwarded to the General Manager on behalf of the Library Board seeking clarification for capital allocation for the new main library largely in response to concerns made by Councillor Reynolds. It was confirmed that there is an allocation made in the outlook of 2016 Capital Budget which was approved. This includes a capital outlook of

\$250,000 for three years beginning in 2018. There has been no capital allocated for 2016 / 2017 because of immediate demands of current facilities. Council does not like to set aside funds for unapproved projects. If there is money that can be set aside, it can go into reserve. Some projects set aside for 2018 may be re-allocated including improvements to children areas, washroom improvements as the library has to function until new build is ready and upkeep will assist in selling the building in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2016-46 C. Singbush / C. Beaudry

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Brian Harding, Secretary
No declarations of pecuniary interest.

Michael Bellmore, Chair