

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

April 28th, 2016
South Branch

Commencement: 4:08 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:12 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Reynolds, C. Derrenbacker, C. Beaudry, S. Townend and C. Singbush

REGRETS

Councillor Signoretti and M. Bellmore

CITY STAFF

Brian Harding, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources; M. Krüger, Coordinator of Public Services, R. Clouthier, Manager of Citizen Services, Sandra Cull, Executive Assistant to General Manager of Assets, Citizen and Leisure Services

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

None declared.

MINUTES

The following motion was presented:

2016-31 L. Reynolds / S. Townend

THAT the minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on March 24, 2016, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

The group went on a quick tour of the South End Library. Upon their return Brian announced that both Chairs were absent and that it would be in order to nominate a Chair. Cynthia Derrenbacker was nominated and she accepted.

PRESENTATION

New Main Library – Proposed Partnership with Art Gallery of Sudbury

Brian provided an overview of what has recently taken place with respect to the Art Gallery. There was a joint meeting with some members of the Library Board and the Art Gallery following the previous Library Board Meeting. It was an informal meeting and all in attendance agree it is important to join forces for the creation of a New Main Library / Art Gallery. Council has endorsed this joint facility as one of four priority projects from the initial list of "Large Projects". The two groups have many synergies such as site prep and parking. It was agreed to continue discussions with the Art Gallery. Location was discussed at length. The focus of the location of the new main library was downtown. The potential partnership with the Art Gallery may require reconsideration of the short listed sites currently being considered by the Board. GSDC

will be acting as a facilitator for this joint project and has indicated that the GSDC Board may be able to support the project financially. It was noted that the Art Gallery has already formed a sub-committee and that the Library Board should do the same. The group discussed individual interests in becoming part of the sub-committee. No decisions were made as the Chair was not in attendance. Because of the urgency of the subcommittee being formed, it was agreed that it would be formed via email. Brian has agreed to initiate emails for nominations and voting.

Community Engagement Proposal

Brian presented to the group the plans for Community Engagement. Brian is proposing to spend money in order to do community engagement effectively. The group discussed the importance of community engagement especially regarding the New Main Library. Brian expressed that he hoped that some Library Board Members could form part of the Community Engagement Team together with staff, members of the public and a consultant. Staff recommends that a third-party agency is engaged on this project to do capacity building and training for the Engagement team. Brian will gather proposals and bring information back to the Board to decide. Brian also discussed the proposed next stages of the Community Engagement plan including promotional videos that will be used to build support for library services and the New Main Library project specifically.

REPORTS

The stats report was deferred due to time constraints and missing board members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brian briefed the group on the progress being made on the Business Plan with some key tasks having been completed.

Brian then gave an overview of the Maker-In-Residence program which is receiving a lot of attention. Candidates will be selected by an internal committee in the coming weeks.

Brian then discussed RFID. This technology will add efficiency and streamline the processing of library items. This will enable better use of staff time for customer service and allow better patron assistance. RFID will be purchased through an RFP process and Brian is hopeful that implementation will be finalized before the end of the year.

Brian passed around brochures of events and Brian touched upon a few of them. The expansion of Tails on the Trails is done. Guided walks on Laurentian Trail have been successful.

The Annual Battle of Books also went very well. This year it was held at College Boreal with various school boards involved. The group discussed briefly how to improve on this event.

C. Derrenbacker asked Brian to thank library staff for all of their hard work on behalf of the Library Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2016-32 C. Singbush / C. Beaudry

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Brian Harding, Secretary

Michael Bellmore, Chair