

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

February 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Commencement: 5:01 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT

M. Bellmore (Chair), K. Bowman, B. Brockerhoff-Macdonald,
L. Davis, M. Lamarche, L. McGauley, S. Townend

REGRETS

Councillor M. Signoretti

CITY STAFF

Mette Krüger – Interim CEO
Ian Wood – Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, Communications
and Citizen Services
Patricia Cote – Administrative Assistant in Strategic Initiative,
Communications and Citizen Services
Rick Clouthier – Manager of Citizen Services
Colleen Burns – New Main Library Project Lead

Meeting was called to order.

AGENDA

The following motion was presented:

2021-60 Laurie Davis / Mandy-Lynn Lamarche

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

CARRIED

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

None declared

MINUTES

The following motion was presented:

2021-61 Bettina Brockerhoff-Macdonald / Steven Townend

THAT the minutes of the Twentieth meeting of the Greater Sudbury
Public Library Board held on January 28th, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

BOARD ORIENTATION

Governance Hub: Library Boards and Municipal Council Collaboration

M. Krüger highlighted Governance Hub as an invaluable resource for Board members. During this meeting, the Board was provided with information on Library Boards and the collaborative relationships with their Municipal Council. The Board was encouraged to review the handout at their leisure.

PRESENTATION

Junction East Update

I. Wood advised the project is now entering the engagement portion of the design phase. A number of engagement activities have already taken place with many more to come over the next 8-10 weeks. Participation has been good with public, staff and stakeholders. Discussion has also started with staff regarding joint programming and the functional program within the facility. Contact has been made with potential partners with more direct engagement starting towards the end of March.

M. Krüger advised that an internal team of library staff is working on reviewing and validating the functional program in the Business Plan from 2017.

C. Burns delivered a presentation focused on engagement pieces currently underway, which highlighted:

- Mayor attending the public session held February 22nd
- Next report will go to council March 9th.
- First public virtual open house held February 22nd excellent ideas were shared.
- Next public open house scheduled April 7th with both afternoon and evening session
- Public can also access the overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca portal to provide feedback on the Junction East project.

Discussion took place giving Board Members the opportunity to provide feedback on engagement thus far. Board members expressed the desire to have an opportunity to collaborate more with the Art Gallery of Sudbury board.

Ontario Library Association Super Conference 2021

This year three Board Members attended the virtual conference: L. McGauley, B. Brockerhoff-Macdonald and K. Bowman. Each provided a brief presentation on their takeaways from the conference. All found there was valuable information provided. It was agreed that an investment in professional development for the Board will strengthen the capacity for the Board to meet its mandate.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

M. Bellmore met with Ed Archer, CAO for the City of Greater Sudbury, regarding the governance transition. Regular meetings will be scheduled moving forward.

CEO's Report

M. Krüger provided an update on operational priorities this past month.

- Branch services have now resumed with restrictions on capacity and updated procedures on patron screening.

- *Homeless Library* training for all library staff is underway. This is among our priorities for 2021 to build capacity among staff to better meet the needs of those who are unsheltered, have addictions, mental health problems.

- Community partnerships supporting community priorities were highlighted, including homelessness initiatives, support for vaccination clinics, Virtual Community Infrastructure Project, and supporting community-led book clubs.

- M. Krüger also shared that as a result of an accessibility audit during the Fall of 2020, the Main Library and South End Library were recently deemed accessibility certified by the Rick Hansen Foundation.

- Finally, usage statistics from January 2021 on collection use, library visits, questions asked, new library cards issued, database use, website visits, and programs offered were shared with the Board.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Vacancy on GSPL Board

The following motion was presented:

2021-62 Kate Bowman / Bettina Brockerhoff-Macdonald

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board declare a vacancy as per the *Public Libraries Act* and direct the CEO to work with the appointing Council to promptly fill the vacancy.

CARRIED

Ontario Library Service Board Assembly Appointment

M. Krüger provided background and responded to questions from previous meeting.

The following motion was presented:

2021-63 Laurie Davis / Laurie McGauley

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board appoint Bettina

Brockerhoff-Macdonald to the Ontario Library Service Board Assembly
for the 2021-2024 term.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2020-64 Mandy-Lynn Lamarche / Steven Townend

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Mette Krüger, Secretary

Michael Bellmore, Chair