

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

January 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Commencement: 5:04 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:44 p.m.

PRESENT

M. Bellmore (Chair), Councillor M. Signoretti, L. McGauley, K. Bowman,
T. Laughren, A. Thomson, S. Townend (joined at 5:23)

REGRETS

M. Lamarche, L. Davis

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

GUESTS

Brian Harding, CEO

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:
2022-100 T. Laughren / K. Bowman

THAT the Agenda of the Twenty-Ninth meeting of the Greater Sudbury
Public Library Board be approved.

CARRIED

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

None declared

MINUTES

The following motion was presented:

2022- 101 L. McGauley / A. Thomson

THAT the minutes of the Twenty-Eighth meeting of the Greater Sudbury
Public Library Board held on December 16, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

There was a roundtable of introductions of the Board to B. Harding.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

M. Bellmore advised the group that he attended a presentation of Junction East with Mark Serre and Viviane Lapointe wherein they were asked for a commitment for Federal funding for the project. M. Bellmore also advised the group that he has been working with M. Kruger and J. Watts on plans for the libraries to return to curbside services and also discussed the hiring of the next Poet Laureate.

Administration Update (M. Kruger and J. Watts)

M. Kruger announced that library service has shifted to curbside and counter service as of January 10. There will be an update on January 31 regarding the reopening of services. M. Kruger advised that there are currently 10 vacancies, which consist of both full-time and part-time employees within the library system as a result of the vaccination policy, which was then briefly reviewed with the Board. Mette announced a professional development opportunity, the OLA Superconference will be taking place at the beginning of February and will be held virtually again this year and encouraged any Board members who are interested in this conference to reach out to her for more information. M. Bellmore encouraged attendance at the conference, he has attended in the past and had a great experience.

J.Watts advised the Board that library staff here have been meetings with the City's Information Technology and Health and Safety Divisions to finalize priorities for the year. She also discussed the December Promotional Campaign which featured two key messages through digital advertising, to both highlight recent additions to library services and collections and to remind residents W-Fi hotspots are available for residents to gain internet access. Clear the Card Campaign was active for the month of January and advertised on Facebook, stats will be provided at a later date. A public announcement tomorrow will invite applications for a new Poet Laureate for a two year period, the posting closes late February.

I. Wood advised the group that library staff have again been redeployed to Pioneer Manor to assist during staff shortages due to COVID.

PRESENTATIONS

Update on Junction East, New Central Library Project Presented by Colleen Burns, New Central Library Project Lead

C. Burns gave a presentation on the updates of Junction East project. Architectural floor plans were displayed and the Board was reminded these are not the final plans. Colleen went through some of the changes of the floor plan while going through the different levels and elevations and showed images of the different views from both the interior and exterior of the building. The group asked Colleen to add the Art Gallery and Sudbury Theatre Centre to the next presentation to show synergies.

Colleen displayed statistics of the libraries both before and after south End Library opened. There was an increase in cardholders, circulation, programs and program attendees. A social media campaign will begin next week which will share the supportive letters and solicitor further support.

I. Wood advised the group that he will be providing an overall Junction East and West interim update to Council. They are not quite ready to share images with the public. There will be another meeting on March 22 which will provide an updated design and associated costing.

The group briefly discussed the motion brought forward to the January 11th Council meeting requesting staff to delay Junction East. The motion was not heard was carried over to the following meeting.

Greater Sudbury Museums Update (Ian Wood)

I. Wood presented an update on museums which will also be presented to Council. The presentation gave a brief history of the 4 museum sites developed prior to amalgamation and went over the governance, structure, budget and staffing.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Thomson requested that the Library Board meeting time be changed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. M. Bellmore will send out a poll to Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2022-102 A. Thomson / S. Townend

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time 6:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Ian Wood, Secretary

Michael Bellmore, Chair