

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

January 28th, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Commencement: 5:02 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

S. Belanger

CITY STAFF

Mette Krüger – Interim CEO
Eleethea Savage – Special Projects Manager
Patricia Cote – Administrative Assistant in Strategic Initiative,
Communications and Citizen Services
Rick Clouthier – Manager of Citizen Services
Colleen Burns – New Main Library Project Lead
Jennifer Ross – Virtual Librarian

Meeting was called to order.

AGENDA

The following motion was presented:

2021-55 Steven Townend / Councillor M. Signoretti

THAT the agenda of the twentieth 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:

2021-56 Kate Bowman / Bettina Brockerhoff-Macdonald

THAT the minutes of the nineteenth meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on December 17th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

The following motion was presented:

2021-57 Kate Bowman / Councillor M. Signoretti

THAT the minutes of the third special meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board held on January 15th, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

BOARD ORIENTATION

Governance Hub Resource

M. Krüger directed the Board members to resources on library governance available at Governance Hub, specifically:

Governance Fundamentals Webinar - (link provided) approximately 25mins in length. Focusing on Legislation of Public Libraries Act, Establishing a Library, Authority of Board, Responsibility and Power of Board Members.

Legislative Context for Governing Public Libraries in Ontario

Both the link and hard copy of document provided in meeting package.

Board Members are encouraged to review both at their leisure.

PRESENTATION

Junction East Update

E. Savage provided an update on the Junction East project. Since last meeting, focus has shifted to:

- Logistics of implementing community engagement plan
- Revamping website
- Preparing material for various engagement activities
- Advertising for public participation
- Preparing for launch event scheduled for February 4th, 2021

C. Burns presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board Members, which provided a very detailed outline on engagement activities. Virtual consultations have begun with staff. Library Board members will receive an invite for a special Board Meeting February 11th, to participate in a virtual consultation session with DPAI Architecture Inc.

Both the public launch and kick off to the Community Survey/questionnaire will be available February 4th. More information is available on the overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca portal as well as through other social media channels. Library staff will receive regular updates should patrons/community have general questions regarding the project.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

M. Bellmore advised the Board Members that the 2021 budget presentation was delivered to Council. This It was a highlight for this month as this was the first time the Library Board has been invited to participate in the process established for Outside Boards.

Scenes from an upcoming movie will be filmed at the Main Library in

February. Staff had raised some concerns relating to the current pandemic protocol. M. Krüger advised all concerns have been addressed.

M. Bellmore will be meeting with the Mayor next week to discuss the possible renaming of the Main branch. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.

CEO's Report

Recruitment and appointment of two new board members is now officially complete. M. Krüger has reached out to both. They will undergo the orientation and join the board at the February meeting.

Over the next few months, Library staff will be participating in online training called "Homeless Library". Training is geared to help front line staff better serve patrons who are homeless, live with addictions and have mental health problems.

This year's OLA super Conference will be held virtually and at a much reduced cost. This will allow the library to support more attendees than in past years.

The Main Library has collaborated with the Social Work department at Laurentian University to welcome a placement student. This individual will spend approximately 300 hours researching benefits of Social Workers in the Public Library setting.

Curbside services continue while the Stay at Home order is still in effect. No in-branch services are currently being offered as per the Board-approved Service Levels in response Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework.

Report on Recruitment

M. Krüger provided a brief report on current vacancies, recruitment and staffing.

Wifi Hotspot Lending Pilot Program

J. Ross provided a report on this topic. Report presented highlighted such things as cost, draft lending guidelines and eligibility for borrowing the Wifi Hotspots. A discussion took place.

The following motion was presented:

2020-58 Kate Bowman / Bettina Brockerhoff-Macdonald

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approve the launch of a Wifi Hotspot Lending Pilot Program as presented.

CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLANNING

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Ontario Library Service Board Assembly Appointment

Item deferred to next meeting. Clarification on length of appointment will be provided at next meeting.

DEFERRED

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was presented:

2020-59 Bettina Brockerhoff-Macdonald / Kate Bowman

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Mette Krüger, Secretary

Michael Bellmore, Chair