

Georgina Public Library Board
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keswick Branch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:11 p.m.

2. First Nations Acknowledgement Statement

“Georgina Public Library recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship. We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.”

3. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present:

Bobbi Sabatini, Chair
Rita Beechey
Leslie Johnstone
Madalyn Calzavara
Councillor Dave Neeson
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison (arrived late)

The following Board members were absent:

Nancy Rodrigues, Vice-Chair
Amalee Lavigne

The following staff members were in attendance:

Valerie Stevens, *Director of Library Services/CEO*

Serena Hamlyn, *Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)*
Lynn McKinley, *CUPE 905.13 Representative*

4. Introduction of Addendum Items

10 Year Capital Plan added to Old Business

5. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Madalyn Calzavara, Seconded by Rita Beechey

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-101

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting Agenda of October 19, 2023 be approved as amended.

Carried.

6. Announcements

The Board Chair congratulated Councillor Neeson and his family on the birth of his new son.

7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – None

8. Adoption of the Past Minutes - September 21, 2023 Board meeting minutes

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Rita Beechey

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-102

That the minutes of the September 21, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

9. Delegations/Speakers – None

10. Presentations – None

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Branch Report
- b. Quarterly Statistics
- c. Work Plan Update
- d. Financial Statement – September 2023
- e. Media Scan

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-103

That Item 12 – Consent Agenda be received as circulated.

Carried.

12. Verbal Communications

- a. CEO update (V. Stevens)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- GPL staff promoted GPL services at the Civic Centre in September, spreading awareness that Town staff are eligible for a library card, and all the associated benefits and resources

SPACES

- MURC construction continues on-schedule and on-budget

PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP

- GPL's new Manager, Library Collections will start on November 20, 2023
- Val Stevens attended the annual N6 Leadership Symposium, which was focused on DEI this year

COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS

- GPL's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation program, in partnership with Friends of the Library, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and First Nation Cultural Tours, was very successful, with lots of positive feedback from participants

TECHNOLOGY

- Purchasing for Maker Space technology has begun

(N. Davison arrived)

b. Board Chair update (B. Sabatini)

- The Board Chair continues to meet with the CEO on a regular basis

c. Friends of the Library update (R. Beechey)

- The Friends of the Library are preparing for the Tea
 - tickets are available for purchase at all library branches
- The Friends are looking for new members to join
- The Friends have approved sponsoring a Cricut, and other related items for the Discovery Branch

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-104

That items 12 a., b., and c., Verbal Communications be received as presented.

Carried.

13. Old Business

a. 10 Year Capital Plan

After discussions with the Town CAO and Deputy CAO/Treasurer, it has been determined that there is not enough funding in the Library Capital reserves to pay for the renovations included on the 10 Year Capital Plan: the Customer Service desk in Keswick, and the Pefferlaw branch renovations. The CEO will consult further with Town Finance to determine options for financing these projects, or alternate solutions.

Moved by Naomi Davison, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-105

That the renovation amounts for both Keswick branch and Pefferlaw branch be removed from the 2024 10-year Capital Plan and revisited for creating a 2025 10-year Capital Plan.

Carried.

14. New Business

- a. Policy Review:
 - i. Supervision of Children

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Rita Beechey

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-106

That the Supervision of Children policy be accepted as presented.

Carried.

ii. Video Surveillance

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-107

That the Georgina Public Library Video Surveillance policy be rescinded.

Carried.

b. Board Holiday Gathering

The Board members discussed what they might want to do for their annual Holiday Gathering, including how they would like to spend the money set aside for the event.

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-108

That the Board be permitted to spend the budget normally allotted for the Holiday Board Gathering on a staff recognition program at the discretion of the CEO and Board Chair at all three branches of Georgina Public Library.

Carried.

15. Other Business - None

16. Closed Session

i. Motion to move into closed session

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-109

That the Georgina Public Library Board move into closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Carried.

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, Section 16.1 (4) of the Public Libraries Act

- CEO Performance Evaluation

The CEO and Recording Secretary did not join the Closed Session.

ii. Motion to reconvene into open session

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-110

That the Georgina Public Library Board reconvene into open session at 9:55 p.m.

Carried.

The Board reconvened into open session and made the following motion:

Moved by Naomi Davison, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-111

That the Board Directs the Evaluation Committee to proceed as directed.

Carried.

17. Next Meeting Date /Time

November 16, 2023 - Zoom

18. Adjournment

Moved by Madalyn Calzavara, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-112

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting of October 19, 2023 adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Carried.



Board Chair



Recording Secretary