

**Georgina Public Library Board**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m.

**2. First Nations Acknowledgement Statement**

*“The Town of Georgina 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:

Mary Catherine Macaluso, Chair  
Bobbi Sabatini, Vice-Chair  
Rita Beechey  
Leslie Johnstone  
Adrienne McDowell  
Nancy Rodrigues  
Shari Hawkins  
Naomi Davison  
Councillor Dave Neeson

The following staff members were in attendance:

Valerie Stevens, *Director of Library Services/CEO*  
Serena Hamlyn, *Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)*  
Anna DeLong, *eServices Library Technician / CUPE Representative*

**4. Introduction of Addendum Items**

Strategic Planning Committee verbal update added to verbal updates

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Adrienne McDowell

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-012**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting Agenda of February 17, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**Carried.**

**6. Announcements - *None***

**7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – *None***

**8. Adoption of the Past Minutes– January 20, 2022 Board meeting minutes**

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Bobbi Sabatini

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-013**

That the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried.**

**9. Delegations/Speakers – *None***

**10. Presentations – *None***

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Branch Report
- b. Work Plan Update
- c. Financial Statement – December 2021 – Year End

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Adrienne McDowell

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-014**

That Item 11 – Consent Agenda be received as presented.

**Carried.**

**12. Verbal Communications**

a. CEO Update (V. Stevens)

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

- Nothing to report

**SPACES**

- GPL returned to in-branch service effective Feb 1; we are extending hours somewhat as of Feb 19 as follows: Tuesday 1-9pm, Wednesdays 1-9pm, Thursday 10-6pm, Friday 10-6pm, Saturday 9-5pm (Keswick), 9-2pm (Sutton & Pepperlaw)
- Discussed with Town staff the need for Library Board approval of naming rights for any library facilities or spaces within library facilities under Town's Sponsorship strategy.

**PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP**

- Significant staff movement in the wake of staff retirements and temporary position fills, and upcoming leaves; interviewing is ongoing.

**COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS**

- Interlibrary loan continues to be suspended; the position has been filled but we need to fill the resulting vacancy before we can start up again.
- Currently focusing on March Break programs.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- Nothing to report

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Upcoming: review of GPL policy: Use of Library Resources During an Election; Town will be reviewing theirs soon, and we will review ours following that.
- Statistics Canada is starting to release census data, starting with population. East Gwillimbury has seen the most growth of any municipality in Canada, growing 44.4% from 2016 to 2021. Georgina has gone from 45,418 in 2016 to 47,642 in 2021.
- Attended "Board Legacy Document" virtual session with OLS; will send out slides once they are available.

b. Board Chair Update (M.C. Macaluso)

- The Board Chair has been meeting with the CEO regularly
- The Board Chair attended the OLA Board Legacy webinar
- The Board Chair has been attending the Strategic Planning committee meetings and also attended the Strategic Planning workshop held this week

c. Friends of the Library Update (B. Sabatini)

- The Friends have a meeting coming up on Monday
- The Book a Friend initiative is ongoing
- The Friends are working on new initiatives for the Spring time, hoping to get back into doing things within the community again

d. Strategic Planning Committee Update (R. Beechey)

- The Strategic Planning Committee Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - At this meeting we met with Steven Kraus from Ontario Library Services
  - Ben Hagen from Intent (forgoodintent.com)
  - Chris Ramelan from Intent
  - And Janet Gunn from Intent
  - Intent is the media firm hired by us to steer the development of our Strategic Plan
  - They work primarily with libraries and non-profits.
  - Their initial focus will be listening to our stakeholders to help craft a document specific to our vision.
  - Over the next few months, we will identify our stakeholders to participate in surveys and focus group sessions.
  - Intent will conduct the focus groups.
  - The survey questions will be developed by the Strat Planning Committee with Steven Kraus.
  - Steven sent out an editable document on January 24 for the committee's input.
  - There will be full board input on occasion throughout this process.
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting February 11, 2022
  - This meeting with Steven Kraus focused on discussion of the proposed survey questions.
  - There was a lively discussion.
  - Steven noted all our suggestions and will synthesize them into a new document for review.
- Meeting with Board Members February 16th, 2022
  - Chris Ramelan and Janet Gunn met with board members including the Strat Planning Committee

- This was an information gathering session to give Intent an understanding of our library and our community and the language we use to describe it.

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-015**

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

**Carried.**

**13. Old Business - None**

**14. New Business**

- a. Policy Review: Board Evaluation

The Board members discussed the changes they would like to see made to the Board Evaluation policy. The policy will be reviewed at the March Board meeting, with the suggested edits made.

**15. Other Business For Which No Notice Has Been Given**

**16. Closed Session - None**

**17. Next Meeting Date /Time**

March 24, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. - Zoom

**18. Adjournment**

Moved by Bobbi Sabatini, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2022-016**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting of February 17, 2022 adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

**Carried.**

Mary Catherine Macaluso  
Board Chair

  
Recording Secretary