

REGULAR MEETING

March 29, 2006

The regular meeting of the London Public Library Board was held on the above date in the London Public Library Friends of the Library Board Room at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

From the Board J. Schlemmer (Chair), R. Caranci, G. Kerhoulas (later), P. Griffith,, S. MacDonald and D. Winninger;

Administration: A. Becker, S. Hubbard Krimmer, B. Irwin, B. Jessop and M. Mitchell;

Guests: M. Oliver, H. Bates Neary, Edna Mae Walsh,

Minutes taken by: J. White.

APOLOGIES - P. Coderre, F. Tranquilli, W. Thorpe

L06/13 DELEGATIONS

Friends of the London Public Library

Mr. Irwin introduced members of the Friends Executive of the London Public Library. Ms. Oliver, Co-Chair of the group introduced Edna Mae Walsh, Connie Sullivan, Hilary Neary and Anne Van Glist. Don Menard was unable to attend.

Proceeds of \$44,000 from the Annual Booksale was presented to the Library from the Friends of the London Public Library.

Ms. Becker thanked the Friends for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the London Public Library.

It was MOVED by Councillor Caranci and seconded by Mr. Griffith that a letter of thanks be sent to the Friends of the London Public Library from the London Public Library Board.

CARRIED

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Kerhoulas entered the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - none

L06/14 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

An additional item on the London Immigration Portal Proposal was added to the meeting agenda.

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Councillor Tranquilli that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

L06/15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Ward followed up on the letter from Cathy Coventry regarding the use of the washrooms in the Children's Library at the Central Library.

It was MOVED by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the minutes of February 22, 2006 (L06/07-L06/12) be approved.

CARRIED

L06/16 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Becker provided an update on the Strategic Plan. A mini Strategic Plan has been distributed to partners, stakeholders, donors and staff. Staff Project Teams have been organized and meetings are being held. The Strategic Plan was positively received by Board of Control and the Corporate Management Team at City Hall.

Ms. Becker clarified that there will be a re-distribution of existing resources.

It was MOVED by Councillor Caranci and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the Strategic Plan Update be received.

CARRIED

L06/16.1 2007 Budget Target Process

As part of the three-year operating budget target process, the City's Corporate Management Team has established a 2007 net budget target of 3.0% or less for the Library.

Board members felt that the Library budget required additional resources to achieve its 2007 goals.

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Councillor Caranci that the City be advised that the Library cannot meet the 3% budget target (Option #4) and that the Library's budget will reflect the Library's true needs based on the Strategic Plan and that additional funding is needed to maintain existing library services.

CARRIED

L06/16.2 Framework for Library Board Governance: Policy-Focussed Leadership: Discussion Paper

Administration was requested to prepare a framework to support a review of Board governance and policy in the context of project goals and outcomes for the March 29th, 2006 Board meeting.

Ms. Coderre has expressed an interest in assisting with the issue of Library Board governance.

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the discussion paper be received and that the governance model presented in Appendix I be approved for further development.

CARRIED

L06/16.3 Library Strategic Development Fund - Funding Approval

The Provincial Ministry of Culture has an established grant program called The Library Strategic Development Fund which has been designed to support new and innovative initiatives in public libraries. The Library has been awarded a grant of \$35,000 for a Youth Funding Proposal. The Library will create a comprehensive youth library program to focus on meaningful engagement of the youth/young adult population. The name "LOLLYPOP" (Learning, Literacy and Leadership for our Youth Population) was suggested.

_____ It was MOVED by Councillor Caranci and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that
_____ the report on the Library Strategic Development Fund - Funding Approval
be received.

CARRIED

L06/16.4 Technology Plan Update

_____ Technology strategic initiatives will be updated on a quarterly basis. Discussion
included self-check, service innovations and wireless technology.

It was MOVED by Councillor Caranci and seconded by Mr. Griffith that the
Technology Plan Update be received.

CARRIED

L06/16.5 Inaugural Mayor's Roast - Special Event Fundraiser

Mr. Irwin provided information on the inaugural Mayor's Roast sponsored by the
London Press Club on May 17th, 2006 at the Mocha Shriners on Colborne Street.
Tickets are \$50.00.

L06/165.6 London Immigration Portal Proposal

The London Immigration Portal Proposal was approved by City Council. London,
along with four other communities, has been given funding from the Ministry of
Citizenship and Immigration to proceed with a pilot immigration portal.

It was MOVED by Councillor Caranci and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that
the verbal report on the London Immigration Portal Proposal be received.

CARRIED

L06/17 REPORT ON MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Schlemmer reported that progress was made on a personnel matter which will
remain confidential.

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Chair

Secretary
