

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2009

A special meeting of the London Public Library Board was held on the above date in the Friends of the London Public Library Board Room, Central Library at 4:10 p.m. with the following present:

From the Board: D. Winninger (Chair), G. Barber, J. Colwell, J. Lubell, G. Leckie, S. MacDonald, J. Morgan and J. Tilley;

Senior Management: S. Hubbard Krimmer, A. Baker, N. Collister, B. Jessop, C. Nurse, A. Thompson and T. Travers;

Other Staff: Heather McDonald, Anita McCallum;

Minutes taken by: J. White.

APOLOGIES - Councillor Branscombe

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - none

L09/42 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the public agenda be adopted as amended.  
CARRIED

It was MOVED by Ms. Leckie and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the in-camera agenda be adopted as amended.  
CARRIED

At 4:11 p.m., the meeting entered in-camera session and resumed at 5:25 p.m.

L09/43 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the minutes of June 25, 2009 (L09/35-L09/41) be approved.

CARRIED

L09/44 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none

L09/45

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Northridge Branch Library

The Northridge Branch Library will close in June, 2010. The new Northeast Branch Library will open in Fall, 2010. LPL will provide selected library services to the community via the Libro Library Roadshow (located to be determined) for July and August, 2010. Collections will be disbursed to the Masonville Branch Library. Storage will not be needed for furniture and equipment.

A community celebration at the Northridge Branch will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and members of the community will be asked to participate in the planning of the event.

A communications plan has been drafted to transition library service from Northridge Branch Library to the new Northeast Branch Library and will be implemented.

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Ms. Leckie that the Northridge Branch Library will close on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in anticipation of the new Northeast Branch opening scheduled for Fall, 2010.

CARRIED

L09/45.1

Employment Resource Centres: Service Agreement Extension

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer advised the Board that an amendment has been issued to extend the current service agreement (which began in June 2006) from September 2009 to March 2010. The funding supports direct costs such as 10.5 FTE staff positions, capital purchases, collections, professional development, and supplies as well as LPL infrastructure costs.

Follow-up correspondence will be sent to Mr. Vic Cote and London and area MPPs.

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Colwell that the report, Employment Resource Centres: Service Agreement Extension, be received.

CARRIED

L09/45.2

LPL 2010 Operating Budget

As part of the multi-year forecast which was developed during the 2008 budget process, the Library projected that a 3.6% increase would be required in 2010. At its April 28, 2008 meeting, Board of Control approved this budget target in principle. This target was also approved in principle

during the 2009 budget process. However, the targets have now been re-set by the London City Council to align with the current and projected economic climate.

On June 15, 2009, City Council established the 2010 budget targets for all civic departments, boards and commissions, including London Public Library. With only a few exceptions, the 2010 budget targets were set at a 0% increase over 2009. LPL's target increase was 0%; that is, LPL's target is to bring forward a budget request for 2010 that contains no increase over its 2009 budget.

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer provided details on the implications of a 0% increase over 2009 along with potential actions to achieve the target.

There was discussion regarding increased utilities costs, fine rates on high demand materials and how reduced collections may impact fines revenue, and hours of service.

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the work of the Senior Team and Customer Services & Branch Operations Coordinators in developing the 2010 LPL Operating Budget be recognized.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Mr. Morgan that Administration be directed to implement proposed actions required to meet the 0% budget target as presented, except to add back in \$100,000 to sustain the collections budget as identified in the "2010 Operating Budget Collections Sustainability Business Case" (May, 2009).

CARRIED

L09/45.3 LPL 2010 Capital Budget with Forecasts for 2011-2019

The 2010 Capital Budget Request to the City of London includes:

- \$250,000 Integrated Library System
- \$50,000 RC3533 – Library Branch Facilities Upgrade
- \$100,000 RC3540 - Library Facility Renewal (funded through Government of Canada Stimulus Infrastructure Fund)

The funding timelines for the Southeast Branch would be deferred a year from previous projections with

- \$750,000 funded in 2011, rather than 2010, for the purchase of property and
- \$3,000,000 funded in 2013, rather than 2012, for the construction of the branch.

Thus, the total 2010 Capital Budget request would be \$400,000 (with \$100,000 being funded from stimulus funding). This is compared with the projected 2010 need of \$1,150,000 as approved in the 2009 City of London budget process.

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the draft 2010 Capital Budget with Forecasts for 2011-2019 as attached in Appendix A be approved.

CARRIED

L09/46 CONSENT ITEMS

A copy of the letter to the CNIB will be sent to the Minister of Canadian Heritage with copies to London and Area MPs.

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the following consent items be received:

Letter to CNIB from Susanna Hubbard Krimmer and David Winninger and letters from MPPs Bentley and Peters regarding the CNIB. (June/July, 2009)

CARRIED

L09/47 INQUIRIES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Symposium: Public Libraries 2020, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. , Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer extended an invitation to Board members to attend this event.

L09/47.1 Press Clippings

Press clippings will now be sent electronically to Board members.

L09/48 REPORT ON MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councillor Winninger reported that legal and personnel matters were discussed which will remain confidential.

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary