

REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2009

A 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 5:35 p.m. with the following present:

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

Senior Management: S. Hubbard Krimmer, A. Baker, N. Collister, B. Jessop, M. Mitchell, C. Nurse, A. Thompson, and M. Wilkinson:

Other Staff: Cathy Willits, Beth Whitney;

Guests: Carmen Sprovieri, Students from the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, UWO; Vito Norejko;

Minutes taken by: J. White.

APOLOGIES - Mr. Colwell.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – none

L09/49 WELCOME

Councillor Winninger welcomed Ms. Sprovieri and students from the Faculty of Information and Media Studies.

L09/50 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the public agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that the in-camera agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

L09/51 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following amendments were made:

Under section, "From the Board", the word "later" should be deleted beside Joanne Tilley's name, under L09/43, the words "as amended" should be deleted.

It was MOVED by Ms. Leckie and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the minutes of August 11, 2009 (L09/42-L09/48) be approved as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none

L09/52 DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Cathy Willits, Telefact Department

Ms. Willits outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Telefact Department at the Central Library.

L09/53 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Collections Services Delivery Stream

Ms. Beth Whitney provided information to Board members on the Collections Services Delivery Stream.

The Library's collection size is 968,600 comprised of 83% books; 13.5% audiovisual and 3.5% periodicals and other. Usage at the end of 2008 was up by 6.25% with holds placed showing an increase of 9.61%.

Community Outreach includes Adult French Collection, London Carnival Parade, Encore community tagging and Contemporary London Authors Collection. The department is now working on an expansion of the multilingual collections, year two of a system-wide weeding project, a new look and functionality for ResearchPro and electronic databases as well as constantly looking for efficiencies.

It was MOVED by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Controller Barber that the verbal report on the Collections Services Delivery Stream be received.

CARRIED

L09/53.1 London Public Library Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer reported on the progress made since September 2008 on the LPL Strategic Plan: Imagine!. She also provided information about some preliminary steps being taken to create the foundation for development of the new strategic plan. Strategic themes emerging include accessibility, inclusiveness and diversity, technology and the greening of the library. It was suggested that 4-5 major thrusts be selected along a fewer number of objectives. Next steps include a Board planning day in the Fall, input from library staff, and a public consultation piece.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Controller Barber that the 2009-2010 Balanced Scorecard (BSC) Project Priorities be approved.

CARRIED

L09/53.2 Annual Agenda Update

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer presented an updated Annual Agenda Update for the Board's consideration. It was suggested that further new policy development be deferred to 2010 and that Board reports be spread more evenly over the Library Board's four year term.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Annual Agenda Update be approved.

CARRIED

L09/53.3 Balanced Scorecard Report, 2nd Quarter 2009

Ms. Collister provided information to Board members on the 2nd quarter of the Balanced Scorecard Report.

There was discussion of the word "customer", "user" and "patron".

Statistical information on the "Ask ON" service will be prepared for the October 22nd, 2009 Board meeting.

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Ms. Leckie that the Balanced Score Card Report: 2nd Quarter 2009, be received.

CARRIED

L09/53.4 Financial Update – Financial Statements to August 31, 2009

Ms. Jessop reported that revenues and expenditures are on target for 2009. A listing of owned and rented Library buildings will be provided to Board members. There was also discussion of the annual Provincial Grant amount.

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the report, Financial Update – Financial Statements to August 31, 2009, be received.

CARRIED

L09/53.5 Community Engagement – FIMS

Ms. Collister outlined the various programs held in partnership with the Faculty of Information and Media Studies. A suggestion was made to schedule a Library Board meeting at FIMS in 2010.

It was MOVED by Ms. Barber and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the report, Community Engagement – FIMS, be received.

CARRIED

L09/53.6 Partnership Proposal – Burundi Library

Controller Barber presented a possible partnership proposal with the Burundi Library. After discussion, it was decided that other groups such as schools or churches may be able to provide assistance.

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Ms. MacDonald that Library Administration prepare a policy on partnerships; and further, that suggestions regarding other groups who may provide assistance to the Burundi Library be passed on to Controller Barber as soon as possible.

CARRIED

L09/53.7 Ratification of Summer Business – Landon Roof Replacement

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Morgan that that the bid submitted by H. N. Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited to replace the Landon Branch Library roof at a cost of \$70,570.00 be accepted.

CARRIED

L09/54 CONSENT ITEMS

Events of Interest to Library Board Members

Ms. Nurse highlighted the following events:

Wednesday, September 30th – Friends AGM
Ontario Public Library Week – October 17-25, 2009
Guerrilla Bookmark Campaign
October 20th, 2009 – Library Shorts

It was MOVED by Ms. MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the following consent items be received:

Events of Interest to Library Board Members
Draft Agenda - Thursday, October 22, 2009 6 p.m.
City Council Motion regarding Internet Filtering – August 31, 2009
Count Me In Community Challenge
Letter from M. Aileen Carroll, Minister of Culture, regarding Public Library Operating Grant Program 2009-2010. (August 10, 2009)
Friends of the London Public Library – AGM

Letter from Chris Bentley, MPP, regarding funding for the Employee Resource Centres. (September 4, 2009)
Digital Bookmobile Event

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the letter from Vito Norejko (September 15, 2009) be received and deferred to the October 22nd, 2009 Board meeting.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Ms. Leckie and seconded by Controller Barber that the letter from Susan Minns (September 18, 2009) be received.

CARRIED

L09/55 INQUIRIES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Western Fair Association

Mr. Morgan advised Board members that the Western Fair Association has undergone a complete governance review and under the new structure, the London Public Library is classified as a partner organization. Partner members may now appoint up to two individuals. If there is any interest in appointing another Board member, it would be ideal to do this before the WFA AGM scheduled for October 21st. An email will be sent to Library Board members to determine if there is any interest in appointing a second member to the WFA.

Mr. Morgan also reported that the Western Fair was a huge success this year and attendance was up by 17%.

The Library Roadshow was at the Fair this year, and enrolled, on average, ten new people per day.

At 7:20 p.m., the meeting entered in-camera session and resumed at 8:35 p.m.

L09/56 REPORT ON MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary