

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the London Public Library Board was held on the above date in the Friends of the London Public Library Board Room at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Senior Management: A. Baker, A. Becker, N. Collister, S. Hubbard Krimmer, L. Sage;

Guests: B. Meehan, J. MacNeill, Museum London; Students from the Faculty of Media and Information Studies, U.W.O.;

Minutes taken by: J. White

APOLOGIES – Jo Deslippe

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – none

L08/24 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

L08/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Ms. Tilley and seconded by Councillor Winninger that the minutes of April 16, 2008 (L08/18-L08/23) be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

L08/26 DELEGATIONS

Museum London

Mr. Brian Meehan, Executive Director, and Mr. Jim MacNeill, Board Chair, made a presentation regarding the transfer of ownership of Library works of art to Museum London.

There was discussion regarding a provision in the current Act for one member of the Library Board to sit on the Museum London Board. Currently, there is no representation from the London Public Library Board. If the Library proceeds with filling a library vacancy on the Museum London Board, Councillor Branscombe expressed interest in being the Library's representative on the Museum London Board.

There is a 50 year agreement currently in place. Mr. Meehan stated that Museum London has policies and procedures in place to care for these works of art and in terms of stewardship, Museum London is already responsible for this collection.

De-accessioning works of art was discussed and Mr. Meehan explained that if any artwork was sold, the money would have to be put back into the collection. Mr. Meehan will provide de-accessioning guidelines as well as a complete listing of the artwork.

Next steps will include the following:

- Preparing a valuation of the Library's art collection
- Developing a better working relationship between Museum London and the London Public Library Board
- Changing the current legislation that pertains to Museum London

Library Administration will work with Mr. Meehan to provide further information.

L08/27 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Northeast Branch Progress

Ms. Becker provided an update to Board members. Shore Tilbe and Cornerstone Architects presented renderings at a community meeting held on May 20th, 2008. The community meeting was well attended and was a positive event for all.

It was MOVED by Ms. Tilley and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the report on the Northeast Branch Progress be received.

CARRIED

L08/27.1 Carson Branch Library

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer provided an update on the collaborative work of members of the Carson community and library staff.

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Controller Barber that the report on the Carson Branch Library be received.

CARRIED

L08/27.2 Financial Update – Financial Statements to April 30, 2008

Financial statements up to April 30, 2008 were distributed for the information of Board members.

It was clarified that the "Rents" line under "Facilities Services" is slightly over budget as the 2008 Charitable Rebate on realty taxes has not yet been received.

It was MOVED by Ms. Lubell and seconded by Councillor Winninger that the report, Financial Update – Financial Statements to April 30, 2008, be received.

CARRIED

L08/27.3 Library Mobile – Update

A pilot project will be launched at the beginning of June, 2008. The "Library Mobile" will travel throughout the city to reach out to children, youth, adults, and seniors in various communities. A media launch event will be done in the Rotary Reading Garden in June.

The pilot project will be reviewed in six months' time and a report will be prepared for the December 10th, 2008 Board meeting.

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Mr. Colwell that the report, Library Mobile – Update, be received.

CARRIED

L08/27.4 LPL Marketing – Update

Ms. Sage provided an update on the re-design of the Library’s Access Magazine and recent marketing awards. A refreshed format is being introduced and the new magazine will have a glossy full-colour format, focusing on Library programming, the Library’s important resources and services and on the variety of ways that LPL and its partners are economic, social and cultural drivers for the London community.

LPL’s Marketing Team is the recipient of the two IABC (International Association of Business Communicators) Virtuoso Awards for notable work in Marketing and Communications.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Ms. Tilley that the report, LPL Marketing – Update, be received.

CARRIED

L08/27.5 Update on Status of Draft Delegation Policy

A draft policy dated December 12, 2007 was distributed to the Board for discussion.

An ad hoc committee comprised of three Board members (Controller Barber, Councillor Branscombe and Councillor Winninger) will meet to prepare a draft delegation policy for the September Board meeting. Other members of the committee will include: a member from the Urban League and representation from other community groups (to be named later).

Board members will be advised when the Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting.

L08/27.6 Update on Status of Governance policy

For the June 18th, 2008 Board meeting, Mr. Morgan and Ms. Mitchell will work together to prepare a governance policy clarifying the process during an election when a tie vote occurs and that the Board Bylaws be revised to clearly reflect this clarified process.

L08/27.7 Historic Sites Committee Minutes

It was clarified that the Rotary Club mentioned in the minutes is the East London location.

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the minutes of the Historic Sites Committee, March 5, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

L08/28 CONSENT ITEMS

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Controller Barber that the following consent items be received:

Events of Interest to Library Board Members
Press Clippings

Draft Agenda for June meeting
Thank you card from Nancy Ward

CARRIED

L08/28.1 REPORT ON MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

C.E.O. Furniture Purchase

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Mr. Colwell that office furniture currently in the C.E.O.'s Office be purchased from Anne Becker for \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

L08/29 INQUIRIES AND OTHER BUSINESS

CLA Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada

On May 7, 2008, Board members were advised that Controller Barber and Councillor Branscombe were the 2008 recipients of the Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada from the Canadian Library Association.

L08/29.1 Email Correspondence

Mr. Morgan made a query regarding email correspondence between Board members and the obligations under MFIPPA. This issue was referred to Administration to prepare a report outlining roles and accountabilities for trustees and guidelines for MFIPPA requests. Further, it was agreed that a workshop on MFIPPA would be provided for Library Trustees and Senior Managers in the fall.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Mr. Morgan that a report be prepared for the October 15th, 2008 Board meeting.

CARRIED

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary