

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 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 5:37 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: S. Hubbard Krimmer, M. Mitchell, C. Nurse

Guests: Carmen Sprovieri and students from the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, U.W.O.;

Minutes taken by: J. White

APOLOGIES – none

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – none

L08/45 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the public agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Ms. Lubell and seconded by Ms. Tilley that the in-camera agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

L08/46 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Controller Barber that the minutes of September 17, 2008 (L08/38-L08/44) be approved.

CARRIED

L08/47 Motion of Which Notice Has Been Given

Members discussed the possibility of moving the 2009 Board meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month, excluding December. These two proposed Bylaw changes regarding the meeting date and the Wednesday mailout will be dealt with at the November meeting.

It was MOVED by Councillor Winninger and seconded by Controller Barber that the Motion of Which Notice Has Been Given regarding the Bylaw Amendment 4.7 Notification of Meetings be deferred to the November Board meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

L08/48 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Library Board Executive - Formation of Ad Hoc Governance Committee

It was MOVED by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Colwell that an Ad Hoc Committee of the London Public Library Board be formed to review and respond to the Governance Task Force recommendations.

CARRIED

L08/48.1 Library Board Response to Governance Task Force

A City of London Governance Task Force was set up November, 2007 to review and make recommendations on how the City of London is governed. A final report to Council is expected in December, 2008.

Controller Barber provided information to members on the reasons for the recommendations of the Governance Task Force. Public participation meetings have been finalized but there is still an opportunity for input.

Under specific representation, it was recommended that the Library Board ask for two members of Council to sit on the Library Board. Under sector representation, it was suggested that specific groups should not be selected but instead, a broad range of sectors. A section on the total number of board members should be added to say "at least 9 board members".

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the Library Board's response to the Governance Task Force be approved as amended.

CARRIED

L08/48.2 London Public Library Accessibility Plan for 2009

In November 2007, in support of the legislation and the LPL Vision, Mission and Service Excellence Model, the Library Board instituted its policy: **Accessibility for Library Users with Disabilities**. The legislation requires that the council of every municipality shall prepare an accessibility plan each year that addresses the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to persons with disabilities in its by-laws, policies, programs, practices and services. LPL participates in the annual **City of London Accessibility Plan**, developed by Civic Administration in partnership with the members of the City of London Accessibility Advisory Committee.

It was MOVED by Controller Barber and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the London Public Accessibility Plan for 2009 be received.

CARRIED

L08/48.3 Library Settlement Partnership (LSP)

The Library Settlement Partnership is a program offered in partnership between Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), libraries and local immigrant settlement service providers. The focus of the LSP program is to provide settlement services to newcomers by connecting them to the resources in the community that support their settlement needs and to facilitate the introduction of newcomers to library services.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the report, Library Settlement Partnership, be received.

CARRIED

L08/49 CONSENT ITEMS

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

Events of Interest to Library Board Members
Award Winning Projects – Central Library Rotary Reading Garden
Quill and Quire, October, 2008
Draft Agenda for November meeting

CARRIED

L08/49.1 Board Planning Day Retreat – October 23/24, 2008

Ms. Hubbard Krimmer handed out an exercise to be completed in advance of the Board Planning Days.

A query was made regarding legislation pertaining to discussion of in-camera items

At 6:25 p.m, the Board entered in-camera session and at 7:33 p.m., the meeting re-convened.

L08/50 REPORT ON MATTERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. MacDonald reported that a confidential legal matter was discussed. London Public Library is continuing its ongoing review of its **LPL Computer Use and Internet Access Policy** and the implementation of that policy in the context of the **LPL Vision, Mission, Value Promise** and **Service Excellence Model**.

Since 1999, LPL has regularly reviewed its provision of Internet access as part of LPL services to the public on an ongoing basis. Each time it has considered: laws governing access to intellectual expression and content; the library's vision, mission, value promise; and the library service model, including the guiding principle that, as with all library services, LPL will provide community space for the public that is welcoming to all people regardless of age, race, gender, religion, nationality, language, ability, social status, economic status and educational attainment.

Work has continued with respect to the following motion made at the June 17, 2008 meeting of the Library Board which is as follows:

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Controller Barber that:

- An update on Public Computer Use and Internet Access Policy be provided at the October 15, 2008 meeting to include potential open source filtering, resource and cost requirements and 3rd party evaluation,
- Legal advice be sought regarding concerns expressed at the Board meeting about constitutional rights infringement and

other matters of Library due diligence, along with comments contained in correspondence received,

- Due diligence be assured relating to intellectual freedom, laws governing access to intellectual content, the library's value promise, and the service excellence model.

To-date staff have continued to consider various library practices in context of due diligence and, as well, the Library Board has now received an opinion by its legal counsel per the previous motion. This opinion will be incorporated with the full findings and recommendations of the Library's ongoing review of its Internet Policy and how that policy is implemented from the customer, internal process, organizational readiness and financial perspectives.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Councillor Winner that the findings and recommendations be provided to the Library Board at its meeting of November 19, 2008, along with an implementation/action plan and communication strategy including milestones, timelines and costs.

CARRIED

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

Chair

Secretary