

## REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2007

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 5:32 p.m. with the following present:

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

Senior Management: A. Baker, A. Becker, B. Jessop, M. Mitchell, L. Sage, T. Travers, N. Ward and M. Wilkinson;

Guests: Maureen Temme; Students from the Faculty of Media and Information Studies, University of Western Ontario; Paul Schmitt

Minutes taken by: J. White.

APOLOGIES – none

### L07/53 WELCOME

Ms. MacDonald welcomed students from the Faculty of Media and Information Studies to the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - none

### L07/54 CHANGES TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Ms. Deslippe and seconded by Councillor Branscombe that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

### L07/55 PRESENTATION

Ms. Becker introduced Paul Schmitt, Client Executive at IBM Canada Ltd. IBM has supported homework centres, literacy and learning by donating \$53,000 worth of computers to London Public Library.

Mr. Schmitt's quadruplets are part of the "My Library" campaign and Ms. Becker presented him with a photo of his children along with gifts. Their picture will be on the back of an LTC bus as part of this campaign.

Board members and Administration thanked Mr. Schmitt and IBM for their generous contributions to London Public Library.

### L07/56 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 5:40 p.m., Councillor Winninger entered the meeting.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Ms. Lubell that the minutes of October 17, 2007 (L07/49-L07/53) be approved.

CARRIED

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, AND STAFF REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Sustainability Business Plan

The Sustainability Business Plan was presented to Board of Control on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and was positively received. There was discussion regarding alternative funding sources such as grants. Glanworth Branch was identified for further discussion.

L07/57.1

Internet Filtering Pilot Project Summary Report and Recommendations

Ms. Mitchell presented highlights on the Internet Filtering Pilot Project Summary Report and Recommendations.

Board members discussed the following:

- Those libraries in Ontario that filter their computers
- The balance of filtered and unfiltered computers
- The timing, implementation and cost of the pilot project
- The positioning of computers within the library
- Possible continuation of the pilot project using a different balance of filtered and unfiltered computers
- Obtaining more input from the public
- Legal implications

It was MOVED by Mr. Colwell and seconded by Ms. Deslippe that:

The recommended guidelines to govern the levels of filtering, based on the findings of the Internet Policy Review, as recommended in this report be approved as follows:

Filter selected public workstations, including WI-FI access, solely, to mitigate the unintentional exposure of its customers to sexually explicit images that are not appropriate in a general public setting, in order to provide a welcoming environment for all people.

Maintain a balance of filtered to unfiltered computers in all locations in order to enable unrestricted access to information and resources on the Internet.

Remove the filter for extreme violence URL's as our research demonstrates that there is negligible interest in these sites.

Provide a minimum of one unfiltered public workstations in each library location.

Provide a minimum of six unfiltered public workstations in the Central Branch.

Filter function-specific public workstations to enhance their use by the public e.g. Employment Research Centres, Homework Centre, etc.

Filter all public workstations primarily designated for use by children and youth.

Approve the revised Internet Usage Policy, based on the above guidelines

Provide a review to the Board in six months' time.

And that the report, Internet Policy Review Project: Final Report be received.

CARRIED

Opposed: Controller Barber, Councillor Branscombe, Ms. Tilley and Councillor Winninger

L07/57.2 Delegation Policy

At 7:20 p.m, Ms. MacDonald relinquished the Chair to Councillor Winninger.

Ms. MacDonald expressed concern with the Board's current delegation policy. She stressed that more structure is needed to deal with requests from the public for delegation status.

At 7:25 p.m., Ms. MacDonald assumed the Chair.

It was MOVED by Councillor Branscombe and seconded by Councillor Winninger that the discussion of the Delegation Policy be deferred to the Board meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

CARRIED

At 7:30 p.m., Councillor Branscombe left the meeting, and the meeting re-convened at 7:45 p.m.

L07/57.3 Accessibility for Library Users with Disabilities

As a result of the policy, Accessibility for Library Users with Disabilities, an action plan has been developed and will be implemented. There will a review in one year's time.

It was MOVED by Ms. Lubell and seconded by Councillor Winninger that the policy, Accessibility for Library Users with Disabilities be approved.

CARRIED

L07/57.4 Community Engagement Report

The London Public Library's participation in community development is based on connecting, consulting and collaborating with all community members in order to strengthen our community and fulfill the vision of the library in being a community hub. This includes community outreach and development and community-led service development.

It was MOVED by Ms. Tilley and seconded by Mr. Colwell that the report on Community Engagement be received.

CARRIED

L07/57.5 2008 Conference Attendance

Ms. Becker advised Board members of upcoming library conferences. The Ontario Library Association conference is scheduled from January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 in Toronto. The Canadian Library conference is May 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Vancouver. The International Federation of Library Associations is scheduled from August 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Quebec City.

L07/58 CONSENT ITEMS

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

Events of Interest to Board Members

Press Clippings

Email from Rob Lavery re: Library website. (September 29, 2007)

Great Work, Genuine Problems: LJ Series on Job Satisfaction, They love those library jobs but those jobs could be much better, October 12, 2007

Email from Wendy Nesseth re: LOUD. (November 5, 2007)

Letter from Joan Burdon re: Lambeth Branch Library. (October 22, 2007)

Petition from Carson Branch Library customers. (October, 2007)

Draft Agenda for December meeting

Letter from Maureen Temme requesting delegation status. (November 15, 2007)

Letter from Alvin Schrader, President, CLA re: internet filtering. (November 20, 2007)

Letter from Grant Campbell re: internet filtering. (November 20, 2007)

Letter from Sam Trosow requesting delegation status. (November 21, 2007)

CARRIED

L0758.1 Historic Sites Committee

There will be an unveiling of the Library's 62<sup>nd</sup> Historic Plaque for Margaret Fullerton on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

It was MOVED by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Ms. Tilley that the meeting enter in-camera session at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened and ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary