

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Minutes of the first regular meeting held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at the Welland Public Library.

PRESENT: Wayne DeMille, Mayor Damian Goulbourne, Glen Johnston, Ann Huffmann, Lori Hayes-Root, Glen Johnston, Dianna Kit Mete, Melanie Gross- Kerho, Debbie Tomaino Staff: Janet Booth, CEO; Gina Marie Wilson, Financial/Administrative Assistant, Sephen Hanns, Manager of Public Service.

ABSENT: Rudi Masswohl

GUESTS: Joan Elliott, Paul Grenier, George Giovinazzo

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Janet Booth, CEO, who extended a welcome to the new and returning Board members, and asked members to briefly introduce themselves.

1. Elections

The CEO called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Moved by Melanie Gross-Kerho
Seconded by Glen Johnston

06:76 **That Wayne DeMille be nominated as Chairperson of The Welland Public Library Board.** Carried.

Moved by Lori Hayes-Root
Seconded by Damian Goulbourne

06:77 **That nominations for Chairperson be closed.** Carried.

Moved by Glen Johnston
Seconded by Ann Huffman

06:78 **That Melanie Gross-Kerho be nominated as Vice-Chairperson.** Carried.

Moved by Dianna Kit Mete
Seconded by Ann Huffman

06:79 **That nominations for Vice-Chairperson be closed.** Carried.

Wayne DeMille assumed the chair.

2. Remarks of the new Chairperson

Chairman DeMille welcomed the new members to the Board and briefly commented on issues facing the board in the coming year.

He reminded members that recent amendments to the Library Board's by-laws would see a new election of officers in one year's time, at which point all members would be welcomed to take a higher profile position on the board.

Chairman DeMille presented retiring board member, Councilor Paul Grenier with a gift, thanking him for his time of service to the Board.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Melanie Kerho-Gross
Seconded by Glen Johnston

06:80 **That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

Carried

5. Appointments

a) Secretary Treasurer

Moved by Damian Goulbourne
Seconded by Ann Huffmann

06:81 **That the Chief Executive Officer be appointed as Secretary-Treasurer to the Welland Public Library Board of the term of the board ending November 30, 2010.**

Carried

b) Personnel Committee

Moved by Lori Hayes-Root
Seconded by Dianna Kit Mete

06:82 **That Glen Johnston, Melanie Gross-Kerho, and Debbie Tomaino be appointed to the Personnel Committee.**

Carried.

c) Strategic Planning Committee

Appointments to this committee were deferred to the January 2007 meeting.

d) Federation of Ontario Public Libraries Board Voting Delegate

Moved by Debbie Tomaino
Seconded by Dianna Kit Mete

- 06:83 **That Melanie Gross-Kerho be appointed as the Voting Delegate to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries Board.** Carried

e) SOLS Trustee Council

Moved by Ann Huffman
Seconded by Lori Hayes-Root

- 06:84 **That Glen Johnston be appointed to the Southern Ontario Library Service Trustees Council.** Carried

6. Date and Time of Regular Meetings

Moved by Dianna Kit Mete
Seconded by Debbie Tomaino

- 06:85 **That the motion establishing meeting time be amended by substituting “7:30 p.m.” with “7:00 p.m.”** Carried

Moved by Glen Johnston
Seconded by Dianna Kit Mete

- 06:86 **That the Regular Meetings of the Welland Public Library Board will be held on the third Monday of each month (January to June, September to December) beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Carried.

7. Signing Officers

Moved by Dianna Kit Mete
Seconded by Damian Goulbourne

- 06:87 **That Wayne DeMille (Chairperson), Melanie Gross-Kerho (Vice-Chairperson) and Janet Booth (CEO/Secretary-Treasurer) be designated as signing officers for the Welland Public Library Board.** Carried.

8. Minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2006

Ann Huffman requested that the new members of the Board receive a copy of the draft Strategic Plan.

Moved by Ann Huffman
Seconded by Melanie Gross-Kerho

- 06:88 **That the Minutes of November 20, 2006 regular meeting be approved as circulated.** Carried.

9. Correspondence

- a) Jane Horrocks, Chair, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries re Chair's Report to Members (attached)

- b) Mike Colle, Minister, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re call for nominations for the following awards:
- The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards
 - The Outstanding Achievement Awards for Voluntarism in Ontario
 - The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

10. Financial Report

a) Payment of invoices

Moved by Ann Huffman
Seconded by Damian Goulbourne

06:89 **That payment of invoices totaling \$120,693.01 be approved.** Carried.

b) Financial Statement

Moved by Melanie Gross-Kerho
Seconded by Damian Goulbourne

06:90 **That the Financial Report of November be received.** Carried.

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Moved by Debbie Tomaino
Seconded by Melanie Gross-Kerho

06:91 **That the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report be received.**

12. Other Business

a) Ontario Library Association SuperConference

The CEO reported that the Ontario Library Association is offering free registration for new board members at the SuperConference scheduled for early February.

b) Art Policy

Lori Hayes-Root requested that the Board consider how they can use art in the library. The Chair noted that the City is developing a policy for art in public spaces. The CEO will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Melanie Gross-Kerho.

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Wayne DeMille, Chair

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Janet C. Booth, Secretary