
Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00 p.m. at the New Liskeard Branch

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Donald Bisson at 6:58 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Donald Bisson, Brigid Wilkinson, Brenda Morissette, Anna Turner, Danny Whalen, Jessica Cooper, Claire Hendrikx, Jeff Laferriere and CEO/Head Librarian Rebecca Hunt.

Regrets: Jamie Lindsay

Members of the Public: 0

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Danny Whalen

Seconded by: Brenda Morissette

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board accepts the agenda as amended.

Carried.

Addition:

Business arising b. Informal Minutes of Northern College meeting

Correspondence d. From OLS-North. Re: plan to manage reductions

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Danny Whalen

Seconded by: Anna Turner

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board approves the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, as presented.

Carried.

5. Business arising from Minutes

- a. **Report LIB-004-2019.** The Board discussed the partnership opportunity with Northern College, and directed the CEO to check in with Northern College on their decision making process on a weekly basis. Next steps were discussed, with the understanding that that the board must be able to contribute to financing the move of the New Liskeard library to the new location. Council Representative Whalen affirmed that City Council will need some direction from the library board to proceed. Council Representative Laferriere provided background on the decision making process over the past few years that has brought the Board to this point of making a decision about consolidation of library services. Because of the inadequate condition of the current New Liskeard building and the lack of space and accessibility, the Board had motioned in November 2016 to consider a new facility/location when an acceptable building was found. The municipality has identified the facility at 285 Whitewood Ave. and funded a study in 2018 to determine if the location would be appropriate for a library space. It has been determined that the building will be able to be retrofitted for a library space and the location on a bus route, near the schools and close to amenities makes the space ideal for a new location for a library. The Board has considered options and come to the conclusion that the consolidation of library services under one roof in New Liskeard while providing a satellite location with some library services in Haileybury is the most efficient option available to help fund the financing charges while maintaining library services.

Motion #2019-22:

Moved by: Jessica Cooper

Seconded by: Anna Turner

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board accept report LIB-004-2019 Library Service Scenario report and further supports the recommendation to consolidate the Temiskaming Shores Library Services in one location at 285 Whitewood Avenue in the former town of New Liskeard. The Board will pursue partnership opportunities to provide a level of service to the South end of the City. This recommendation was not taken lightly but allows the Library Board to incorporate the findings in the Public consultations held throughout the City in 2018, the additional Capital funding requirements to renovate the new location, optimize the use of our current human resources and stay within our financial means.

Carried.

b. Informal Minutes of Northern College meeting. Board members, the Library CEO, the City Manager and representatives from Northern College met on Monday, April 29 to discuss partnership opportunities for library services in Haileybury.

6. Correspondence:

- a. From Claire Hendriks, Executive Director—The Temiskaming Foundation.** Re: grant approval.
- b. From Michael Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.** Re: budget changes to SOLS and OLS-N
- c. To Science North CanCode grant application program.** Re: support for application. Re: May and Frances Ball Memorial Scholarship. Board member Anna Turner will attend the TDSS graduation ceremony to hand out the scholarship.
- d. From Mellissa D’Onofrio-Jones, CEO—Ontario Library Services North.** Re: OLS-North’s plan to manage the reduction in the 2019-2020 budget.

7. Secretary–Treasurer’s Report

Report and monthly financial statement included in the trustees’ information packet

Library CEO’s Report

May 8, 2019

Buildings and Equipment:

Fire safety checks were conducted in the library buildings.

Business:

Advocacy efforts: In efforts to advocate for the reversal of the cuts to the Ontario Library Services I have done radio interviews with The Train and CJTT. I also did an email interview with the Temiskaming Speaker and Le Reflet. I also wrote a blog and shared it widely and staff members and interested parties helped to translate the blog into French and we have shared it on our facebook page. We also circulated a petition in the library branches. I took some of the pages over to John Vanthof’s office on May 3, and we are still collecting signatures.

Annual Survey to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport: The report has been uploaded and accepted by the Ministry.

Author visit: Author Brian Mitchell and Elder Mary Laronde were in Haileybury on May 4 for the readings/discussions using his novel “Obliteration: When Cultures Collide in Northern Ontario” as a focus point. It was a really fascinating discussion and a great teaser for his novel. He will also do a program in New Liskeard on May 11. Nine people attended the Haileybury session.

Digital Creator: We have set up the 3D printer in the Digital Creator room and Dom is learning how to use it. Once we have developed a policy for it we will develop programming.

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries board: I have made travel plans to attend the June 7 meeting in person in Toronto.

Festival des Folies FrancoFun: About 70 students participated in the chasse au trésor for students on Friday, April 26 during the Festival des Folies Franco Fun. The teams used the green screen with the Digital Creator Lead Intern facilitating.

Genealogy Club: Clair Shepherdson and Helen Stickney from the Temiskaming Genealogy Club stopped to see me this week. They are closing down the club and wondering about a partnership with the library. They would like to have a page or at

least some links on the website with contact information for people who help with genealogy and they also mentioned donating some funds to the library for a Paper of Record subscription, which would be great! They asked what else we would need for genealogy and local history research and I said a new microfilm reader. They don't have enough funds for that, but perhaps we could investigate grants.

JASI Steering Committee: The next meeting is on May 22 via Zoom.

NEONet TechSocial program: The sessions on Fridays at the New Liskeard Branch started up at the end of April. Our Gadget Helper staff person is sitting in on the programs to get some training on leading group technology classes. I believe it has been really helpful to her. We have had about 6-8 people at the sessions so far, and they have led to people signing up for Gadget Helper as well.

Programming: The Easter Egg hunts were big successes again this year, with 70 children attending the New Liskeard hunt and 50 attending the Haileybury branch. Those numbers do not include the parents and caregivers who were with the children. The Spring Preschool Storytime is going well in New Liskeard, but we have not had any attendees in Haileybury. SuperHero Saturday was fun for the kids, with some awesome green screen pictures of the kids!

Visits to the Extendicare, Lodge and Manor nursing homes to exchange books
Ongoing on Fridays and Saturdays by staff members and volunteers.

Life Skills visits at the New Liskeard Branch

The Life Skills group visits have started up again this winter.

Outreach to class at NLPS

A staff member provides a program to a class at NLPS every second Wednesday upon their request.

Gadget Helper at both branches of the library

The Gadget Helper program started up again in January.

Digital Creator

Programs are on Saturdays for teens and tweens.

Spring Session Preschool Storytime at both branches
Wednesdays 11:00—11:30 a.m.

TechSocial at the New Liskeard Branch

The NEONet TechSocial program aims to reduce social isolation in older adults through the use of technology. Learn to use your Apple and Android devices!

Finances and Statistics

The Board reviewed the April financial report and statistical reports as provided by the CEO.

Motion #2019-23

Moved by: Claire Hendrikx

Seconded by: Brenda Morissette

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board accepts the May Secretary-Treasurer's report, Workplace Inspection report and Financial reports.

Carried.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Finance and Property Committee:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Planning, Personnel, Policy and Publicity Committee:** Schedule meeting for 3D printer policy. Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27.
- c. **Library Services Committee:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Strategic Planning Committee:** Report on April 11 and May 15 sessions.

9. New Business

- a. **Resolution and letter to support advocacy to reverse OLS-North and SOLS budget cuts.**

Motion #2019-24

Moved by: Brigid Wilkinson

Seconded by: Brenda Morissette

WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and,

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Shores Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Shores Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to government websites and services; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Shores Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and are committed to the sustainability of their services; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Shores Public Library urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the importance of services provided by Ontario Library Service - North and the Southern Ontario Library Service including the administration of bulk purchasing agreements, technology consultation, strategic planning and policy development consultation, the provincial Interlibrary Loan system, board and staff training opportunities, collection development support, support for First Nations libraries and the administration of the Joint Automation Server Initiative; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Shores Public Library requests that the Province of Ontario to restore funding to Ontario Library Service - North in recognition of the unfair and disproportionate impact of these cuts on Northern Ontario public libraries,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library requests that the Government of Ontario restores funding to Ontario Library Service-North; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library urges the Province of Ontario to support sustainable long term funding for Ontario's Public Libraries; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Premier, to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Carried.

10. Plan, Policy review and By-law review

a. Review Policy

- i. Community Use and Community Information policies.** The board reviewed the policies.

Motion #2019-25

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Jessica Cooper

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board accepts the library's policy: Community Use and Community Information policies as amended by the Board.

Carried.

11. Closed Session regarding identifiable individuals.

Motion #2019-26

Moved by: Danny Whalen

Seconded by: Brigid Wilkinson

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board go into Closed Session at 8:13 p.m. in regards to identifiable individuals.

Carried.

Motion #2019-27

Moved by: Brigid Wilkinson

Seconded by: Danny Whalen

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board rise from
Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. without report.

Carried.

12. Adjournment

Adjournment by Jeff Laferriere at 8:21 p.m.

Chair – Donald Bisson