

Leduc Public Library Board Meeting

Minutes of the Leduc Public Library Board meeting held, September 16th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Attending Trustees: A. Braithwaite, H. Feldbusch, P. Fleming, D. Matthews, J. Storeshaw, S. Dixon Pollard,
L. Hansen

Staff Members: C. Frybort (Library Director), L. McLean (recording secretary)

Also present: T. Turner (city staff rep)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, P. Fleming, called the meeting to order 5:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Information Items
 - a) Variance reports
 2. Approval of August 19th, 2020 minutes.
 3. Reports: Library Director, Public Services, Adult and Youth Services, LAL
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MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION 30-2020

J. Storeshaw moves to accept the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING COMPONENTS OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION 31-2020

A. Braithwaite moves to accept the remaining components of the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION AGENDA

1. LAL 2021 Budget

MOTION 32-2019

D. Matthews moves to approve the LAL 2020-2021 budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. LAL 2019-2020 final submitted report

MOTION 33-2019

A. Braithwaite moves to approve the final LAL report.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/EXPLORATION

1. Review of August 2020 action list
YRL has created similar policies which C. Frybort will forward to the board chair and the policy committee to review.
2. Correspondence & Media: none
3. Report from council – L. Hansen
L. Hansen informs library trustees of council activities.
The new CAO started his position last week.
A motion was passed to invest into streaming equipment for the MacLab Centre.

5. Round Robin

A. Braithwaite asks about Saturday openings and the cancelled YRL conference. Discussion follows. C. Frybort will send online conference information to the board members.

H. Feldbusch inquires about golf course construction. L. Hansen responds that a new clubhouse and pro shop are under construction.

J. Streshaw gives a favourable book review for 'Leonard and Hungry Paul' by Rónán Hession. Great read for the times we live in.

T. Turner reports the new CAO visited the MacLab Centre this week. She also recommends a good read, 'The War that Saved My Life' by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, about children & resilience during tough times.

C. Frybort informs the trustees that feedback from residents regarding library operations during COVID has been positive. There are still some libraries in Alberta closed. Our staff have options for PPE. We have just purchased face shields.

C. Frybort expresses staffing concerns. She anticipates many staff will be away with ailments such as colds while waiting for COVID test results.

She briefs the trustees on weekend openings. She and S. McAmmond feel the library should not open on Sundays and due to staff shortage, she recommends that when Saturday opening resumes to shorten the number of hours open to the public.

Discussion follows. The library trustees agree to delay Saturday openings until further discussion at the next board meeting. They also agree to postpone opening on Sundays until further notice.

A. Braithwaite asks C. Frybort if interlibrary loans are being processed. C. Frybort replies that our library is almost running at previous levels. Items coming to our library from other areas is still a little slow.

D. Matthews commends the library staff on a job well done in keeping the library going during the pandemic.

C. Frybort would like the trustees to think about a succession policy.

The new CAO came to the library today and met C. Frybort.

C. Frybort discusses the 'Books for Babies' program which is a joint program with the local health unit. After some discussion it is decided the program would be run exclusively from the library.

She informs the board that an upcoming Municipal Conference (AUMA) has two resolutions coming to the table. One is for the province to use updated municipal population numbers for funding. The second resolution is to open-up the Libraries Act. Currently, the Act requires municipalities with a population of over 10,000 to have a MLIS on the library payroll. There are concerns that if the Libraries Act was opened the whole structure could be changed. C. Frybort will forward information from the YRL board chair explaining why it's good to have an employee with MLIS and the drawbacks of opening the Act.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 21st, 2020, 4:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

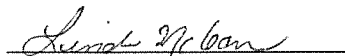
MOTION 34-2020

S. Dixon Pollard moves adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



P. Fleming, Chairperson



L. McLean, Recording Secretary

Date: Oct. 21, 2020