

Leduc Public Library Board Meeting

Minutes of the Leduc Public Library Board meeting held, March 15th, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., Karl Martin Meeting Room

Attending Trustees: S. Dixon Pollard, A. Oliver, B. Sonnenberg, J. Storeshaw, T. Tijani
L. Hansen

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

Also present: T. Turner (city staff rep), Laura Howarth (guest)

Absent: D. Matthews (with regrets), A. Oliver

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, J. Storeshaw calls the meeting to order 4:32 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Information Items
 - a) Variance reports
 2. Approval of February 15th, 2023, minutes.
 3. Reports: Library Director, LAL
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MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION 10-2023

B. Sonnenberg moves to accept the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING COMPONENTS OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION 11-2023

T. Tijani moves to accept the remaining components of the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION AGENDA

none

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/EXPLORATION

1. Review of February 2023 action list

Choose chairperson for committees:

Finance committee - D. Matthew. Staff relations committee - A. Oliver T.

T. Tijani offers to sit on the staff relations committee and will let J. Storeshaw know which other committees he is interested in.

2. Correspondence & Media: *emailed to trustees*

March 1- Alberta Municipal Affairs, budget increase letter

Alberta Government – Library operating budget amounts (*link sent*)

The Operating grant is based on population which stayed at Leduc's 2016 population until now. The province will use the population from the 2019 census. Some smaller libraries will receive a base amount (even if population decreased).

3. Advocacy

C. Frybort asks the board to send a thank you to the current MLA and Minister of Municipal Affairs for the increase in funding by using a more current population base.

The provincial election is in approximately eighty days. It is suggested the trustees talk to candidates about public libraries, educating them about libraries.

Beaumont and Leduc have the same MLA. Those present discuss coordinating messages and comments between the two libraries to discuss with the candidates.

Possibly invite all candidates to attend a board meeting or to meet with a couple of library trustees.

C. Frybort comments that she always invites the elected MLA to meet and tour the library.

MOTION 12-2023

B. Sonnenberg moves to send a letter to the MLA and Minister of Municipal Affairs thanking them for increase in funding.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Reconciliation – T. Turner

She comments she had been meeting with a colleague from the Town of Devon, who no longer works for them.

Discussion: land acknowledgment. C. Frybort says the statement needs to come from the board.

T. Turner shares a story where she helped with a land acknowledgement statement and later found out it was not appropriate. Her colleague would be able to help move forward on this project.

5. Report from council – L. Hansen

Ratification of taxes with Leduc County done.

City administration and council met last Saturday to discuss the City's Strategic Plan.

Council will review the West Campus Plan in May and make decisions regarding the plan. In June, they will discuss whether to remove the blockade in the south Telford area. (this was a pilot project)

6. Round Robin

T. Turner: a percussion ensemble is performing tonight at the Maclab Centre.

The Arts Foundry will present to council on March 27th. There will be an Art Jam in the Civic Centre Atrium before the meeting.

T. Tijani: asks C. Frybort about timing for setting goals. She replies that performance evaluations are best done before the end of the year, November, or December.

B. Sonnenberg: asks to send out land acknowledgment request to absent trustees

L. Howorth: a new peace officer has been hired to support city facilities. A Community Navigator position has also been hired. This person helps the unhoused, under privileged people in our community.

C. Frybort: announces she is working on behalf of the library at the Teen Takeover, May 13th.

The board has budgeted for a consultant to assist in a compensation review. Dr. Margaret Law will start by leading the trustees to develop a Philosophy of Compensation.

Conversation: the City of Edmonton has announced Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30th, a municipal holiday.

Cameron Chisholm has informed C. Frybort that the RCMP may serve people a Prohibit Entry to Building Summons, for up to 3 months.

The RCMP are hosting an open house in the library tonight.

Amanda from FCSS will be at the next board meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, 4:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION 13-2023

B. Sonnenberg moves adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



J. Storeshaw, Chairperson



L. McLean, Recording Secretary

Date: April 19, 2023