

Bracebridge Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: A. Freer (Acting Chair), L. Giaschi-Pacini, L. Jacob, M. Mayes-Stewart, P. Schofield, B. Slocum, B. Taylor, and C. Rodney (C.E.O.)

Regrets: C. MacDougall, B. Slocum, M. Wilk

1. Call to Order by the Acting Chair
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion: To accept the agenda as amended for Tuesday, September 9, 2014.
Moved by: M. Mayes-Stewart, seconded by B. Taylor. CARRIED

3. Delegations/Guests - None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:
Motion: To accept the minutes of the Tuesday, June 10, 2014 meeting.
Moved by: B. Taylor, seconded by L. Jacob. CARRIED

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Library Board succession planning: A declaration of intent to reapply to the Library Board has been offered to date by A. Freer, L. Jacob, P. Schofield and B. Taylor

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Letter received from local historian, Gary Dennis, thanking the Library for hosting the launch of his recent book, Bracebridge Connections:Vol. 1, and for the all the assistance he receives from our staff.

7. Ad hoc/Standing Sub-Committee Reports:

7.1 Friends of the Library: A. Freer reported that the Friends' strawberry social fundraiser in June. Two summer book sales brought in additional funds. The Friends are now selling book bags depicting a graphic by local artist Wendie Donabie. The bags will be sold at the Muskoka libraries for \$12.

7.2 Policy Committee: L. Jacob reported that, after much scrutiny by the committee, the Library's Personnel Policy #2 – Terms of Employment was ready for review and approval.

Motion: To approve Personnel Policy #2 – Terms of Employment as amended.

Moved: M. Mayes-Stewart, seconded by B. Taylor. CARRIED

7.3 Expansion Promotion Committee: C. Rodney reported that the committee had reviewed suggestions from the Town's CAO and then presented the latest version of the slide presentation being prepared for Council. Further Board discussion resulted in some amendments. The Board Chair and CEO will present to Council on September 27.

8. CEO Report:

C. Rodney gave a report of library activities during the summer.

9. Financial Statement:
Financial report to the end of August 2014 was presented to the Finance Committee. Some discussion of the roof costs, tenders and depletion of library reserves took place

10. New Business:

10.1 Ebook advocacy campaign: Discussion took place regarding a request by the Ottawa Public Library to endorse their lobby about some publishers' restrictive practices in making e-content available to public libraries. Letters will be sent to the appropriate government bodies.

Motion: WHEREAS the Bracebridge Public Library is committed to providing equitable access to information and services regardless of format, and customer demand for eBooks and eMagazines is increasing; and
WHEREAS the specialized market terms for libraries provided by some publishers for the purchase of eBooks and eMagazines restrict the Bracebridge Public Library's ability to purchase these materials for public use, resulting in an inequity of access to electronic content, significant constraints on the Bracebridge Public Library budget, and an undermining of the Bracebridge Public Library's ability to fulfill its role;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bracebridge Public Library Board request that the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport investigate publishers' restrictive practices in making eBooks and eMagazines available to public libraries, including the higher prices charged to public libraries.

Moved: P. Schofield, seconded by B. Taylor. CARRIED

10.2 Board members' reports: A. Freer mentioned the new Halifax library and encouraged Board members to consult online resources for more information regarding this library for the 21st century.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14 2014, 7 p.m.

12. Adjournment declared by the Acting Chair: 9:07 p.m.