Strathcona County Library Board Minutes

May 15, 2023 County Hall Basement, Room L-1

Board Members Present

David Atkinson (Chair)

Keely Cronin

Ross Wilson

Paul Ryzuk

Donna Smith

Rebecca Gagnon

Courtney Chamulke

Councilor Glen Lawrence

Regrets

Korinna Levangie

Denise Charbonneau

Library Staff

Sharon Siga (Chief Executive Officer)
Shelley Reason (Library Assistant - Minutes)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. by David Atkinson.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 31/2023

That the Strathcona County Library Board approve the agenda. Moved by Keely Cronin. Seconded by Courtney Chamulke.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION 32/2023

That the Strathcona County Library Board approve the minutes as of the April 17, 2023 meeting.

Moved by Paul Ryzuk. Seconded by Donna Smith.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Reports

5.1 List of Correspondence: Incoming, Outgoing and Media Releases

5.2 Department Reports

5.3 Report on Digital Resources Usage

The Board decided they would like to receive these reports two times per year. It was noted that commentary would be helpful, and perhaps a presentation in the future.

5.4 Partnership with Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board

Sharon Siga provided more information regarding the history of the partnership between Strathcona County Library Board and Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board.

5.4 County Councillor Verbal Report

Councillor Glen Lawrence said Strathcona County Council has put aside the Bremner growth plans at this time. Strathcona County will be hosting the RCMP Musical Ride on June 15th at the Strathcona Olympiette Centre at Fultonvale School and on June 17th as part of the Ardrossan Picnic and Parade. County Emergency Services has been responding to many wild fires due to the dry conditions.

5.5 Chair Verbal Report

David Atkinson reported he and Sharon attended the Friends of Strathcona County Library Society AGM. The Friends elected a new Executive Committee. The Friends' membership increased by 40 members this past year. They want to be more creative and have some big plans for the future. David shared the Library Board's motion of thanks to the Friends.

MOTION 33/2023

That the Strathcona County Library Board accept the Reports for Information. Moved by Keely Cronin. Seconded by Rebecca Gagnon. CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 Ad Hoc Volunteer Award Committee (verbal report)

Sharon explained that there were no nominations received for the Muriel Abdurahman Volunteer Award for 2022.

MOTION 34/2023

That the Strathcona County Library Board dissolve the committee with thanks to the committee members.

Moved by Rebecca Gagnon. Seconded by Keely Cronin. CARRIED

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6.2 Minutes of the May 4, 2023 Ad Hoc Compensation and Recognition Committee Meeting

Ross Wilson explained the Committee is exploring ways to recognize staff that will let staff know the Board supports them. Ideas that are being discussed are members serving staff lunch at the annual PD Day, gift cards, participation in the annual PD Day and other creative suggestions. Sharon will report back to the committee after consulting with the staff planning committee.

6.3 Approve Library Board Meeting Dates in 2024

MOTION 35/2023

That the Strathcona County Library Board approve the meeting dates for 2024. Moved by Donna Smith. Seconded by Rebecca Gagnon. CARRIED

6.4 Volunteers for Thank-A-Thon on June 17 or 24?

Four volunteers are required for the Library's annual Thank-A-Thon. Paul Ryzuk, Keely Cronin, Rebecca Gagnon will volunteer with David as a backup. June 17 was the chosen date. Sharon will contact Denise Charbonneau to see if she is able to participate.

6.5 Educational Session

After a video presentation the Committee discussed the need to review current policies.

7. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

7.1 Board Member Round Robin

7.1.1 Policy Committee Meeting May 31, 2023, 6:30 pm.

7.2 Upcoming Friends Meeting:

7.3 Public Presentations:

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

