



## THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:30 p.m. Wednesday January 26, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Minutes

**Present:** Nancy Batty, Councillor Bruce Buruma, Valdene Callin, Jerry Moore, David Murphy, Shelley Odishaw (Chair), Carol Puszka, Brian Quigg, Shelley Ross (CEO), Raymond Savage, Laura Thevenaz

**Absent:** Jerry Moore

**Regrets:** Valdene Callin

### Welcome and Chair's Remarks

Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Land acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that the land we meet on today is located at the border of Treaty 6, to the North of the Red Deer River, and Treaty 7, to the South of the Red Deer River. We honour and respect the culture, ceremonies and stories of the many nations who made a home on these lands - including the Cree, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway, Saulteaux and Inuit - and that this area is a long-established meeting place of the Métis. We are grateful for the traditional knowledge-keepers: elders past, present and emerging. May we live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

**Conflict of Interest Declaration:** There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**a. MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda with the addition of two motions from the Planning and Finance Committee.**

**SAVAGE / MURPHY CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Minutes from the November 24, 2021 Board Meeting

**a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the November 24, 2021 Board meeting as presented.**

**SAVAGE / MURPHY CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of Minutes from the October 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting

**a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the October 27, 2021 Special Board meeting as presented.**

**MURPHY / QUIGG CARRIED**

#### 4. Strategic discussion and Board Development

##### a. Presentation by Jordan DeSousa, Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) on Plan of Service

Presentation did not take place, however PLSB will be invited to present during the February committee meetings.

#### 5. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

##### a. MOTION: That the Board approve the November 2021 financial statements as presented.

**BATTY / SAVAGE CARRIED**

##### b. MOTION: That the Board approve the December 2021 financial statements as presented.

**BATTY / PUSZKA CARRIED**

- c. Readers First is an international organization advocating for fair treatment for libraries when they purchase and use books. Its goals are to have systems (rules, laws, etc.) to allow libraries to provide e-information to the public they serve in a reasonable manner. A current quote from the Maryland AG sums up my (Shelley Ross) feelings... "publishers capitalize on the digital revolution at libraries' expense". Maryland and many other jurisdictions are bringing in laws to level the playing field and enable real free enterprise competition. The publishers and their organizations are, of course, fighting this.

Libraries world-wide are members. Members in Alberta currently include Edmonton, Calgary, St. Albert and Strathcona County. Many other Canadian libraries are Members. All this can be viewed on their website: <http://www.readersfirst.org/program>.

##### **MOTION: That the Red Deer Public Library join The Readers First Organization. Contact person will be the CEO of our Library.**

**BURUMA / QUIGG CARRIED**

- d. The Bower Mall Pop-up Branch project, which was discussed in November and at committee meetings, is currently set to launch in the spring. The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library have committed to providing financial assistance.

##### **MOTION: That the Library proceed with the Bower Mall Pop-Up Branch project and approval to use up to \$150,000 of cash reserves for additional staffing, material, equipment, and lease costs.**

**PUSZKA / THEVANAZ CARRIED**

- e. There is an opportunity to potentially secure partial funding for the project through a federal grant, which has an application deadline of January 31, 2022 and requires approval from the Board as part of the submission process.

**MOTION: That Shelley Ross, CEO, be authorized to submit a Commemorate Canada funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the 2022 Platinum Jubilee Community Celebrations, and sign on any matters concerning this application.**

**MURPHY / QUIGG CARRIED**

## **6. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee**

National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30) was discussed during the last committee meeting to determine how the Library could recognize that day in a meaningful manner. Several options were brought forward, and the CEO has committed to reach out to community elders to obtain feedback prior to board approval on how the day will be recognized going forward.

Looking ahead to the next few committee meetings, Tatiana Tilly (Library and Community Strategic Initiatives Manager) will be presenting a follow-up on the Plan of Service in February, followed by the auditors' joining the group in March, and the annual Board retreat in April or May.

## **7. Report from The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library**

The Friends have expressed their enthusiasm with the Bower Mall Pop-up Branch and as previously discussed will provide funding.

## **8. Information Items**

The Board praised the programmers for their efforts in the November and December programs, and shared positive feedback along with congratulations regarding the latest edition of the Library's *Another Story* magazine.

## **9. Adjournment**

Shelley Odishaw called for adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

**BATTY / MURPHY CARRIED**

**Next Board Meeting: February 23, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**