



## THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:30 p.m. Wednesday October 25, 2023  
Snell Auditorium

### Minutes

**Present:** Nancy Batty, Gabriel Beck (virtual), Valdene Callin (virtual), Shelley Odishaw, Brian Quigg, Sabrina Samuel, Laura Thevenaz (virtual), Councillor Dianne Wyntjes

**Regrets:** Jerry Moore, David Murphy

**Staff Support:** Michelle Hollebeke (minutes)

### Welcome and Chair's Remarks

Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m., expressing gratitude for the service of retiring Board members Nancy Batty, David Murphy, and Councillor Wyntjes' appointment expiry.

**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** - none were declared.

### 61. Approval of Agenda

a. **MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda as presented.**

**SAMUEL / QUIGG CARRIED**

### 62. Approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2023 Board Meeting

a. **MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the September 27, 2023 Board meeting as presented.**

**QUIGG / WYNTJES CARRIED**

### 63. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

a. **MOTION: That the Board approve the September 2023 financial statements as presented.**

**BATTY / WYNTJES CARRIED**

### 64. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

- October 19th meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum. In recognition of the Board's achievements over the past year, members are invited to a social event on December 6, 2023 at 6:30pm, welcoming new members and wishing a fond farewell to those retiring.

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

- The Friends' recent booksale was a success overall, with 17 new memberships signed.

## **66. Information Items**

### **- Board Out and About –Board member advocacy reports (discussion)**

- Members recounted attending the Museum's 'Stolen Spirits of the Haida Gwaii' showing and displays; the new Collicutt branch; the Innisfail Public Library; RDPL's 'Lives Fully Lived' speaker series presenting Anne Irwin, and the Red Deer Reads event with celebrated author Jo Owens for her winning book 'A Funny Kind of Paradise'.

### **- September 2023 Reports to the Board**

- The Board expressed their appreciation for the creativity and number of programs reported. The Summer Reading Club report was also commended.

## **67. Strategic Discussion and Board Development**

- The Board did not have items to bring forward.

## **68. Adjournment**

- Shelley Odishaw adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: November 29, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**