



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

Wednesday November 29, 2023
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

Present: Valdene Callin, Councillor Michael Dawe, Natalie Day Lazenby, Maureen McCall, Jerry Moore, Shelley Odishaw, Sabrina Samuel

Regrets: Gabriel Beck, Brian Quigg, Laura Thevenaz

Staff Support: Shelley Ross (CEO), Michelle Hollebeke (minutes)

Welcome & Chair's Remarks

Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 – none were declared.

69. Approval of Agenda

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

DAWE / MOORE CARRIED

70. Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the October 25, 2023 Board meeting as presented.

SAMUEL / MOORE CARRIED

71. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

a. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that they accept the October financial statements as presented for information only.

MOORE / SAMUEL CARRIED

b. Discussion: ALTA Membership

– membership will not be considered at this time.

72. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

– The Committee meeting was not held this month. The Health and Safety piece continues to be under review.

73. Report from The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library

- Over \$6000 in bookstore sales was reported. The next meeting is scheduled in January.

74. Information Items

- **Board Out and About –Board member advocacy reports (discussion)** - Several Board members attended various Library programs such as 'Travel Memories ' and 'The People in Your Neighborhood' storytime. A member also attended the Embracing Recovery Summit.
- **October 2023 Reports to the Board** – The Board expressed their enjoyment of the October report, with special recognition regarding the 'Shopping for a Library Pop-Up' presentation and Plan of Service activities.
- **Discussion: Pictures and Stories Availability to the Public** – for promotion and awareness of library events, sharing to potentially commence in January 2024.

75. Strategic Discussion and Board Development

- Details of the upcoming social event on December 6th were shared with the Board.

76. Adjournment

- Shelley Odishaw adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: January 31, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.