



Minutes

Present: Gabriel Beck, Valdene Callin, Councillor Victor Doerksen (virtual), Natalie Day Lazenby, Jerry Moore, Shelley Odishaw, Brian Quigg (virtual), Sabrina Samuel (virtual), Laura Thevenaz

Regrets: Maureen McCall

Guest: Briana Ehnes, Events and Innovation Manager

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

Welcome and Chair’s Remarks

Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:36 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.

11. Approval of Agenda

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda as amended, moving Item 18.b) Education Item to Item 12 with subsequent renumbering of previous agenda items.

MOORE / CALLIN CARRIED

12. Education Item - Telus Storyhive grant and project, presented by Briana Ehnes, Events and Innovation Manager

- Project details and progress were shared. It will be completed in April and broadcast in the fall.

13. Approval of Minutes from the January 31, 2024 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the January 31, 2024 Board meeting as presented.

DAY LAZENBY / THEVENAZ CARRIED

14. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

a. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that they accept the pre-audit January 2024 financial statements as presented for information only.

MOORE / CALLIN CARRIED

- The audit is underway and is expected to be completed in mid-March.

15. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

- a. MOTION: Recommend that the Board adopt the Code of Conduct as presented.**
- The motion was amended to table until the next meeting in order to undertake further review.

MOORE / QUIGG CARRIED

- b. The Bylaws were reviewed with no changes recommended.**

- c. Health and Safety policy continues to be reviewed by the committee, with anticipated completion for Board review in the March meeting.**

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

-AGM March 6, all Board members invited to attend. Volunteers gratefully appreciated for the upcoming semi-annual booksale in April.

17. Information Items

- **Board Out and About –Board member advocacy reports (discussion)**
- **Various Library programs were attended in January: StoryTimes, Adult Storytime, Lives Fully Lived with speaker Cheryl Cooney, and bookclubs.**
- **[January 2024 Monthly Highlights](#)**
 - Activities and highlights now available on the RDPL Blog.

18. Strategic Discussion and Board Development

- a. 2024 Board Retreat – New poll with added Sunday options, results**
- Responses are still being gathered; all Board members are required to respond.

19. Adjournment - Valdene Callin adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: March 27, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.