



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

Present: Valdene Callin, Councillor Chad Krahn, Natalie Day Lazenby, Jerry Moore, Shelley Odishaw, Brian Quigg, Sabrina Samuel, Laura Thevenaz (virtual)

Regrets: Gabriel Beck, Maureen McCall

Guests: Alla Mysko-Henke, RDPL Adult Literacy

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

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

Welcome and Chair's Remarks

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.

45. Approval of Agenda

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

QUIGG / DAY LAZENBY CARRIED

46. Strategic Discussion and Board Development

a. RDPL Adult Literacy Presentation – Alla Mysko-Henke, Adult Literacy Manager

- The program is seeing a large increase of learners with 185 currently waiting to be Paired with a tutor. To meet the growing needs of those waitlisted, several classes have been offered. Sponsorships, federal and provincial funding, and private donations have been gratefully received and while they have had a positive impact on the success of the learners, more tutor volunteers and funding are seen as crucial due to the number of newcomers in the community continues to grow.

b. Plan of Service – 2024 Action Plan Progress Report

- Reviewed and accepted by the Board.

47. Approval of Minutes from the May 29, 2024 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the May 29, 2024 Board meeting as presented.

MOORE / KRAHN CARRIED

48. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

a. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that they accept the May 2024 financial statements as presented for information purposes only.

MOORE / CALLIN CARRIED

49. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

a. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that the Dickson Bursary Program be removed from policy as all Library employees are now eligible to apply for the McNeil Bursary Program.

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

- The Friends are planning a booksale in October and a bookstore sale with stocking stuffer gift items in December. The Friends will be looking to fill vacancies within their Board this fall.

51. Information Items

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

- Adult Literacy Volunteer Appreciation was attended and positive feedback was shared.
- A Board member shared feedback regarding the reading list service that had been provided to a friend's child from the Library.

- [May 2024 Monthly Highlights](#)

52. Adjournment Valdene Callin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 25, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.