



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

Present: Nicole Camara, Natalie Day Lazenby, Jerry Moore, Shelley Odishaw, Lauren Pezzella, Brian Quigg, Laura Thevenaz (Virtual), Zachary Woods

Regrets: Councillor Dianne Wyntjes, Maureen McCall

Guests: Dean Pasiuk and Lee Caine – Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre

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.

61. Approval of Agenda

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

PEZZELLA / QUIGG CARRIED

62. Strategic Discussion and Board Development

a. Dean Pasiuk and Lee Caine – Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre

- Dean and Lee provided a synopsis on the Centre's work in assisting vulnerable and abused children throughout Central Alberta and current initiatives.

63. Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2024 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the October 30, 2024 Board meeting as presented.

MOORE / DAY LAZENBY CARRIED

64. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

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

MOORE / QUIGG CARRIED

65. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

- Lining up Education Items through to February, CEO review currently underway. Staff Development Day to take place November 29. Board Retreat is to be held December 13.

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

- Bookstore 50% sale taking place the first week of December. Friends are graciously funding Downtown branch Level 4 upholstery recovery and new tables.

67. Information Items

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

- Member shared their experiences re: Dawe's 30th anniversary celebrations, 'Books & Bannock' Book Club, PLSB meeting in Edmonton (Chair w/CEO).

- October 2024 Highlights

68. Adjournment of standing meeting - Shelley Odishaw adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: January 29, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.