



**THE RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009**

**MINUTES**

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009 in the Boardroom at the Central Library, 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

**PRESENT:** Shelagh Harris, Chair  
William F. Bell  
Katherine Belrose  
Councillor Greg Beros  
David Bishop  
Councillor Godwin Chan  
Govindan Ravindran  
Elizabeth Wilfert  
Martin Zegray

**STAFF:** Jane Horrocks, CEO  
Mary Jane Celsie, Director of Public Service  
Barbara Ransom, Director of Service Development Planning & Support  
Franca Perri, Receptionist/Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

At 7:35 p.m. Martin Zegray arrived.

**2.0 REGRETS**

Rubi Talavera

It was noted that the *Library Board By-Laws Section(c)* stipulates:

*“If a Board Member : (c)is absent from the meetings of the Board for three consecutive months without being authorized by a Board Resolution, the Member’s seat becomes vacant.”*

At 7:40 p.m. Councillor Godwin Chan arrived.

09:39 Moved by Councillor Greg Beros  
Seconded by David Bishop  
That the Library Board waive expulsion from the Library Board this month, and  
That the Board Chair correspond with Ms Talavera regarding attendance at meetings.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

In favour: Katherine Belrose, Councillor Greg Beros, David Bishop, Councillor Godwin Chan, Shelagh Harris, Govindan Ravindran, Elizabeth Wilfert, Martin Zegray

Opposed: William F. Bell

The motion carried 8 - 1

Carried

### 3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### 4.0 MINUTES

#### .1 **Board Meeting** March 26, 2009

09:40 Moved by David Bishop  
Seconded by Councillor Godwin Chan  
That the Board Minutes of March 26, 2009 be adopted.  
Carried Unanimously

#### .2 **Art Committee Meeting** April 15, 2009

09:41 Moved by Katherine Belrose  
Seconded by William F. Bell  
That the Revised Art Committee Minutes of April 15, 2009 be adopted.  
Carried Unanimously

At 7:50 p.m. Govindan Ravindran arrived.

### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

09:42 Moved by Elizabeth Wilfert  
Seconded by Councillor Greg Beros  
That Business Arising be received.  
Carried Unanimously

The CEO was directed to request a report from Asset Management for the May Library Board Meeting outlining the cause of the March 1, 2009 flood at Central Library and the remedies that will mitigate against re-occurrence.

## 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- .1 **Article from The Advocate/The Banner/The Era**  
February 15, 2009  
**RE: Failing economy bolsters library use**
- .2 **Letter from King Township Board Chair**  
February 23, 2009  
**RE: Reciprocal Borrowing Thank You**
- .3 **Letter from RHPL Board Chair to King Township Board Chair**  
March 4, 2009  
**RE: Acknowledgement of Thank You letter and Headline Story for OLBA**
- .4 **Article from Yorkregion.com**  
March 5, 2009  
**RE: Weekend flood closes Richmond Hill Central Library**
- .5 **Article from LISNews.org**  
March 5, 2009  
**RE: Flooding Closes Ontario Library**
- .6 **Article from Town of Richmond Hill Website**  
March 6, 2009  
**RE: Central Library Temporarily Closed**
- .7 **Patron email to RHPL Ask a Librarian**  
March 26, 2009  
**RE: Note of encouragement to Library staff during flood.**
- .8 **Patron email to Office-Mayor Richmond Hill**  
March 31, 2009  
**RE: Thank you to Library staff for handling of meeting relocation due to flood.**
9. **Article from The Liberal**  
April 2, 2009  
**RE: Library reopens part of third floor.**

09:43 Moved by David Bishop  
Seconded by Govindan Ravindran  
That the Correspondence be received.  
Carried Unanimously

## 7.0 CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

09:44 Moved by Elizabeth Wilfert  
Seconded by Councillor Godwin Chan  
That the Board receive *Chief Librarian's Report* CLR09.03.  
Carried Unanimously

**8.0 STAFF REPORTS**

**.1 SRLIB09.09  
Writer in Residence 2009**

09:45 Moved by Councillor Godwin Chan  
Seconded by Kathryn Belrose  
That the Board approve the use of \$12,600 from *The Richmond Hill Public Library Donation and Bequest Reserve Fund* (Town of Richmond Hill By-Law 77-06) to fund the 2009 Writer-in-Residence, contingent on funding approval from Canada Council as per SRLIB09.09 *Writer in Residence 2009*.  
Carried Unanimously

**9.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business, the Board proceeded to Item 10.0.

**10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

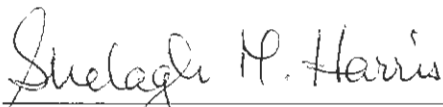
The next **Library Board Meeting** will be held **Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Boardroom at the Central Library.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

09:46 Moved by Govindan Ravindran  
Seconded by Councillor Godwin Chan  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
Carried Unanimously

At 8:30 pm the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Shelagh Harris, Chair

  
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Jane Horrocks, CEO & Secretary-Treasurer