

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board
Thursday, January 19, 2023

MINUTES

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in the Boardroom at Central Library, 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Present: Stephen Chait, Chair
Jason Cherniak
Councillor Carol Davidson
Councillor Castro Liu
Sofia Ma
Sadra Nasseri
Sugantha Raj, Vice Chair
Mona Shahnazari
Councillor Scott Thompson

Staff: Darren Solomon, Chief Executive Officer
Joshua Dyer, Director, Content & Strategy Delivery
Robin Fribance, Director, Experience & Strategy
Yunmi Hwang, Director, Branch Services
Jordan Graham, Collections Manager
Amy McArthur, HR Business Partner, City of Richmond Hill
Courtney Beatty, HR Business Partner, City of Richmond Hill
Tammy Elliott, M. HRM, CHRL, Director/Principal Consultant, Synergetic Workplaces Consulting Inc.
Susan Quinn, Administrative Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The CEO called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 Regrets

None

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

23:01

Moved by:

Councillor S. Thompson

Seconded by:

M. Shahnazari

THAT the Agenda of January 19, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

5.0 Delegations

None

6.0 Minutes

6.1 Library Board Minutes – December 5, 2022

Motion:

23:02

Moved by:

S. Nasser

Seconded by:

J. Cherniak

THAT the Minutes of December 5, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Presentations

None

8.0 Reports

8.1 Board Committees Report SRLIB23.01

Motion:

23:03

Moved by:

Councillor C. Davidson

Seconded by:

S. Nasser

That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board approve the formation and Terms of Reference, amended to add the Board Chair as ex officio member and to note that RHPL senior management appoint staff to the working groups, for the following RHPL Board Committees: Intellectual Freedom Steering Committee, Master Plan Steering Committee, and Finance Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion:

23:04

Moved by:

S. Raj

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Davidson

That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board approve the following Board member appointments to each Board Committee so they may begin work.

- a) Intellectual Freedom Steering Committee: Stephen Chait (ex officio), Jason Cherniak, Councillor Scott Thompson and Mona Shahnazari
- b) Master Plan Steering Committee: Stephen Chait (ex officio), Councillor Carol Davidson, Councillor Castro Liu and Sofia Ma
- c) Finance Steering Committee: Stephen Chait (ex officio), Sadra Nasserri and Sugantha Raj

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Commitment to Intellectual Freedom Report SRLIB23.02

Motion:

23:05

Moved by:

S. Ma

Seconded by:

S. Nasserri

That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board reinforce RHPL's commitment to intellectual freedom by joining libraries across North America in approving the

endorsement and signing of the Urban Libraries Council's Declaration of Democracy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 New Business

9.1 New Motions

9.1.1 Appoint OLS Board Assembly Representative

Motion:

23:06

Moved by:

Councillor C. Liu

Seconded by:

M. Shahnazari

That Sugantha Raj be appointed as the OLS Board Assembly Representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Correspondence

9.2.1 Board Press Release

9.2.2 Article from Municipal World January 2023

The relationship between public library boards and municipalities

9.2.3 Article from Municipal World January 2023

New councils must review, ask questions, listen, decide

Motion:

23:07

Moved by:

Councillor C. Liu

Seconded by:

M. Shahnazari

That the Correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Member Announcements

None

10.0 Resolution to Move Into Closed Session to consider matters relating to:

10.1 Labour relations or employee negotiations

Motion:

23:08

Moved By:

S. Nasser

Seconded by:

S. Ma

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to consider labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 4:44 p.m. the Board moved into Closed Session.

5:17 p.m. Councillor C. Liu left the meeting

5:30 p.m. S. Raj left the meeting

11.0 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Motion:

23:09

Moved By:

S. Nasser

Seconded by:

S. Ma

That the Board reconvene into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 5:38 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session

12.0 Adoption of Recommendations Arising from Closed Session (if any)

Motion:

23:10

Moved By:

M. Shahnazari

Seconded by:

S. Nasser

That the Board approves the recommendation in the In-Camera Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Date of Next Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Library Board will be held on:

Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. at Oak Ridges Library to be followed by a tour.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion:

23:11

Moved by:

Councillor S. Thompson

Seconded by:

S. Nasser

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

“Signed version on file in the Administration Offices”

Stephen Chait

Chair

Darren Solomon

Chief Executive Officer