



The Richmond Hill Public Library Board

Thursday, October 19, 2023

MINUTES

The Richmond Hill Public Library Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Central Branch, 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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

Staff: Darren Solomon, Chief Executive Officer
Joshua Dyer, Director, Content and Community Engagement
Robin Fribance, Director, Strategy and Service Innovation

Yunmi Hwang, Director, Branch and Customer Experiences
Elizabeth Hill, Managing Partner, Pesce & Associates Human Resources
Consultants (remotely)
Courtney Beatty, City of RH, HR Business Partner
Andrew Li, City of RH, Supervisor, City Operating Budgets
Shawn Dillon, Finance and Administrative Assistant
Susan Quinn, Executive Assistant and Governance Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement read by Board Member S. Nasser

3.0 Regrets

None

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

23:67

Moved by:

S. Nasser

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Liu

THAT the Agenda of October 19, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion:

23:68

Moved by:

S. Chait

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Davidson

THAT the Richmond Hill Public Library Board approves the consent agenda, as amended by S. Chait to pull items 7.1 and 12.2 for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Minutes

7.1 Library Board Draft Minutes – September 21, 2023

Motion:

23:69

Moved by:

S. Chait

Seconded by:

J. Cherniak

THAT the Minutes of September 21, 2023 be adopted as amended by S. Chait to add Mona Shahnazari as a Member of the Board Governance Steering Committee for Item 9.3 and to remove 'Mayor West' from item 4.0.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

8.1 Personal matters about an identifiable individual

Motion:

23:70

Moved By:

M. Shahnazari

Seconded by:

S. Ma

THAT the Board move into Closed Session to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 4:09 p.m. the Board moved into Closed Session.

9.0 Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Motion:

23:71

Moved By:

J. Cherniak

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Liu

That the Board reconvene into Open Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 4:41 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session

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

None

11.0 Presentations

11.1 RHPL 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

Darren Solomon, CEO

4:57 p.m. S. Ma left the meeting

5:44 p.m. S. Raj left the meeting

12.0 Reports

12.1 RHPL 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets Report SRLIB23.19

Motion:

23:72

Moved by:

S. Nasser

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Liu

That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board:

1. Approve the amended draft RHPL 2024 Operating Budget, to add back \$52,100 into the budget from the deferrals of the part-time Pages, the small business and entrepreneur initiative, and the environmental sustainability strategy, and recommend it to City Council for funding consideration; and
2. Approve the draft RHPL 2024 Capital Budget and recommend it to City Council for funding consideration.

CARRIED

12.2 RHPL Fund Development Policy Report SRLIB23.20

Motion:

23:73

Moved by:

Councillor C. Davidson

Seconded by:

Councillor S. Thompson

That the Richmond Hill Public Library Board defer this report to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 New Business

13.1 New Motions

None

13.2 *Correspondence (Received by Consent)

- 13.2.1 *Overdue: The Case for Canada's Public Libraries* - new report by Canadian Urban Institute - https://canurb.org/wp-content/uploads/CUI_Overdue_report_10.04.23.pdf

Motion:

23:74

Moved by:

S. Chait

Seconded by:

Councillor C. Davidson

That the Correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Member Announcements

- 13.3.1 Truth and Reconciliation Day Event (verbal J. Dyer)
- 13.3.2 2022 Annual Report (verbal J. Dyer)
- 13.3.3 Ward 2 Councillor Scott Thompson Free Event On-ice, taking place at National Training Rink, 650 Edward Avenue on Friday, October 27th from 7-10pm (verbal Councillor S. Thompson)
- 13.3.4 Age Friendly Community Strategy (verbal D. Solomon)
- 13.3.5 St. Johns Ambulance Free CPR event at Richvale Community Centre coming in November (verbal Councillor S. Thompson)

6:10 p.m. S. Nasser and Councillor C. Liu

14.0 Date of Next Meetings

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at Central Branch.

15.0 Adjournment

Motion:

23:75

Moved by:

S. Chait

Seconded by:

M. Shahnazari

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved by:

Stephen Chait
Chair

Darren Solomon
Chief Executive Officer