

**Georgina Public Library Board  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m.

**2. First Nations Acknowledgement Statement**

*“The Town of Georgina recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship. We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.”*

**3. Roll Call**

The following Board Members were present:

Mary Catherine Macaluso, Chair  
Rita Beechey  
Leslie Johnstone  
Adrienne McDowell  
Nancy Rodrigues  
Shari Hawkins  
Councillor Dave Neeson  
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison

The following Board Members was absent with notice:

Bobbi Sabatini, Vice-Chair

The following staff members were in attendance:

Valerie Stevens, *Director of Library Services/CEO*  
Serena Hamlyn, *Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)*  
Anna Delong, *eServices Library Technician*  
Michele Reynolds, *CUPE 905.13 Representative*

**4. Introduction of Addendum Items**

- Closed session item added

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-026**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting Agenda of March 23, 2023 be approved as amended

**Carried.**

**6. Announcements – None**

**7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – None**

**8. Adoption of the Past Minutes – February 16, 2023 Board meeting minutes**

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Shari Hawkins

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-027**

That the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated

**Carried.**

9. **Delegations/Speakers – None**

10. **Presentations – None**

11. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Branch Report
- b. Work Plan Update
- c. Financial Statement – February 2023

Moved by Adrienne McDowell, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-028**

That Item 11 – Consent Agenda be received as circulated

**Carried.**

12. **Verbal Communications**

- a. CEO Update (V. Stevens)

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Val Stevens attended the flag raising at the Civic Centre for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2023.

### SPACES

- The Teen Area in Keswick is coming along; the couch and chairs have arrived, and the TV will be mounted shortly. Official opening party is planned for Friday, May 5.
- Pefferlaw branch was closed today, and will likely be closed for at least part of the day tomorrow, due to a faulty pump on the water system, resulting in no water service to the branch. The contractor has been on-site and repairs are in progress.

### PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP

- A second client from Community Living has started volunteering in the Keswick branch once per week on average.
- The management team is working with a consultant & presenter to plan our first staff development day, scheduled for June 9, 2023.

## **COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS**

- GPL partnered with the Town of Georgina to host a popular Family Skate & Games on February 18 at the Ice Palace.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Nothing to report

### b. Board Chair Update (M.C. Macaluso)

- The Board Chair continues to meet and communicate regularly with the CEO

### c. Friends of the Library Update (B. Sabatini via R. Beechey)

- The Friends held a meeting on Monday
- The Friends, in partnership with Connors Music, are hosting Earth Hour this Saturday from 8-9pm at the Keswick Branch
- The Spelling Bee is taking place on June 2 at Udora Hall
  - Mayor Quirk will emcee the event
- The Friends are helping to organize the children's' area for the Music in the Streets festival on June 24 at Pioneer Village

### d. Strategic Planning Committee update (V. Stevens)

- V. Stevens is working with S. Kraus to finalize the language in the Strategic Plan
- S. Kraus will attend a future Board meeting to bring the Strategic Plan to the Board

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-029**

That items 12 a., b., c., and d Verbal Communications be received as presented

**Carried.**

**13. Old Business**

- a. Fine-Free Pilot Project - Report No. CEO-2023-001

The Board members discussed ending the pilot project and going permanently fine-free at GPL.

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Naomi Davison

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-030**

That the Georgina Public Library Board eliminate overdue library fines on Georgina Public Library materials for all users; borrowers will continue be charged fees for replacing lost or damaged materials, including processing fees and the cost of referrals to third-party agencies.

**Carried.**

**14. New Business**

- a. Policy Review:
  - i. Fines for Overdue, Lost, or Damaged Materials

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-031**

That the Fines for Overdue, Lost, or Damaged Materials Policy be accepted as amended

**Carried.**

ii. Hours of Service

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Adrienne McDowell

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-032**

That the Hours of Service Policy be accepted as presented

**Carried.**

iii. Health & Safety

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Dave Neeson

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-033**

That the Health & Safety Policy be accepted as presented

**Carried.**

iv. Video Surveillance

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-034**

That the Video Surveillance Policy be accepted as amended

**Carried.**

**15. Other Business - None**

**16. Closed Session**

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-035**

That the Georgina Public Library Board move into Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

**Carried.**

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, Section 16.1(4) of the Public Libraries Act

- Human Resources matter

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Dave Neeson

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-036**

That the Georgina Public Library Board reconvene into open session at 8:02 p.m.

**Carried.**

The Board rose from Closed Session and made the following motion

Moved by Dave Neeson, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-037**

That the CEO proceed as directed

**Carried.**

**17. Next Meeting Date /Time**

April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. - Zoom

**18. Adjournment**

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-038**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting of March 23, 2023 adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

**Carried.**

Mary Catherine Macaluso  
Board Chair

  
Recording Secretary