

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

**April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**1. Call to Order**

The Library Director/CEO called the inaugural meeting of the Georgina Public Library Board to order at 7:02 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**

a. Introductions

Round table introductions were done welcoming new and returning Board members to the Georgina Public Library Board

The following Board Members were present:

Rita Beechey  
Leslie Johnstone  
Nancy Rodrigues  
Bobbi Sabatini  
Amalee Lavigne  
Madalyn Calzavara  
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison

The following Board member was absent:

Councillor Dave Neeson

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**

- a. Appointment of Friends of the Library Liaison added to the elections (B. Sabatini)
- b. Workshops through OLS added to Other Business (N. Rodrigues)
- c. Board Group photo added to Other Business

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-039**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting Agenda of April 20, 2023 be approved as amended

**Carried.**

**6. Announcements – None**

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

**8. Board Elections**

The Board members and Staff members in attendance introduced themselves and provided some of their background.

The CEO called for nominations for the Chair of the Georgina Public Library Board

a. Election of Library Board Chair

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-040**

That B. Sabatini be nominated for Georgina Public Library Board Chair

**Carried.**

B. Sabatini agreed to stand for election.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Moved by Naomi Davison, Seconded by Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-041**

That Georgina Public Library Board Chair nominations be closed

**Carried.**

The CEO declared B. Sabatini elected Chair of the Georgina Public Library Board by acclamation.

b. Election of Library Board Vice-Chair

The Board Chair asked that the CEO call for election for the Vice-Chair

Moved by Bobbi Sabatini, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-042**

That N. Rodrigues be nominated for Georgina Public Library Board Vice-Chair

**Carried.**

N. Rodrigues agreed to stand for election.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-043**

That Georgina Public Library Vice-Chair nominations be closed

**Carried.**

The CEO declared N. Rodrigues elected Vice-Chair of the Georgina Public Library Board by acclamation.

The CEO turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board Chair.

c. Appointment of Library Board Treasurer

Moved By Madalyn Calzavara, Seconded By Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-044**

That the Georgina Public Library Board appoint the Director of Library Services/CEO, V. Stevens, as Board Treasurer

**Carried.**

d. Appointment of Library Board Secretary

Moved By Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded By Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-045**

That the Georgina Public Library Board appoint the Library's Executive Assistant, S. Hamlyn, as Board Secretary

**Carried.**

e. Appointment of OLS Board Assembly Representative

N. Rodrigues gave a brief overview of what this position entails.

Moved By Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded By Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-046**

That M. Calzavara be appointed as the OLS Board Assembly representative for the Georgina Public Library Board

**Carried.**

f. Appointment of the Friends of the Library Liaison

The Board Chair announced that she will be stepping down as the Chair of the Friends of the Library now that she is Chair of the Library Board.

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Madalyn Calzavara

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-047**

That R. Beechey be appointed as the Friends of the Library Liaison.

**Carried**

**9. Adoption of the Past Minutes – March 23, 2023 Board meeting minutes**

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-048**

That the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated

**Carried.**

**10. Delegations/Speakers – None**

**11. Presentations**

- a. Library Board Orientation – V. Stevens

The CEO presented PowerPoint orientation

**12. Consent Agenda**

- a. Branch & CYS Reports
- b. Quarterly Statistics
- c. Work Plan Update
- d. Financial Statement – March 2023

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Naomi Davison

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-049**

That Item 12 – Consent Agenda be received as circulated

**Carried.**

**13. Verbal Communications**

- a. CEO Update (V. Stevens)

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

- Programming staff are continuing to attend events and connect with various organizations in the community to promote library services to residents of all ages

**SPACES**

- The Teen Area in Keswick has now been painted; installation of gaming system and charging towers, as well as shelving/collection shifting are the remaining components to be completed. Official opening party is planned for Friday, May 5 from 2-4pm
- MURC update: as of April 5, 2023, the exterior glass wall installation has begun, and siding is progressing well; in the Discovery Branch, insulation and drywall is going up.

## PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP

- Town Clerks Department will have the one remaining GPL Board vacancy posted shortly

## COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS

- We had a very successful set of March Break programs, including a magician with an audience of 172

## TECHNOLOGY

- Nothing to report

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Strategic Plan: Steven Kraus from OLS and I will be presenting the language, as developed by the Strategic Planning Committee, to the next Board meeting for approval. Once approved, we'll move ahead with the graphic design and printing.

### b. Friends of the Library Update (B. Sabatini)

- The Friends are focusing on final preparations for the Grate Grown-up Spelling Bee, which is taking place at Udora Hall on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - the Library Board team will be made up of of M. Calzavara, R. Beechey, and A. Lavigne
  - Mayor M. Quirk will emcee the event
  - tickets will be sold at a cost of \$40 each, which includes the buffet dinner
  - The Friends members will be gathering items for the silent auction that is taking place at the event
- The Friends are also working on planning for the Music in the Streets Festival
  - The Friends are working on the planning for the Children's area with Connors Music
- The next Friends meeting is coming up on Monday



Moved by Madalyn Calzavara, Seconded by Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-050**

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

**Carried.**

**14. Old Business**

a. Land Acknowledgement

The CEO discussed the options for a version of the Land Acknowledgement for use by the Library Board, and making the acknowledgement more library-specific. The options were brought to Chief Donna Big Canoe, who has expressed support of the changes.

Moved by Madalyn Calzavara, Seconded by Amalee Lavigne

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-051**

That Georgina Public Library adjust and adopt the Land Acknowledgement to read:

*“Georgina Public Library 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.”*

**Carried.**

**15. New Business**

- a. 2023 Library Board Meeting Schedule

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-052**

That the Board meeting schedule be received as presented

**Carried.**

- b. Board Legacy Document

The Board reviewed and discussed the Legacy document prepared by the former Board.

- c. Finance Committee composition

Moved by Amalee Lavigne, Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-053**

That the Finance Committee be composed of:

M. Calzavara  
L. Johnstone  
B. Sabatini

And that

The Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the CEO and will report back to the Library Board at Regular or Special meetings. The Budget requests will need to be approved by the Library Board before being brought to Council

**Carried.**

## **16. Other Business**

### a. Board Group photo

The Board will find a time in the future to come together for a group photo for the website.

### b. OLS items from meeting (N. Rodrigues)

- At today's OLS Board Assembly meeting, two new initiatives/partnerships were announced
  - one is with CAMH who will be putting on workshops to support all members who work for the Library and Library Board members
  - the other was a certificate program partnership between OLS with CELA around accessibility

## **17. Closed Session - None**

Motion to move into Closed Session

Motion to reconvene into Open Session

## **18. Next Meeting Date /Time**

May 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. - Zoom



**19. Adjournment**

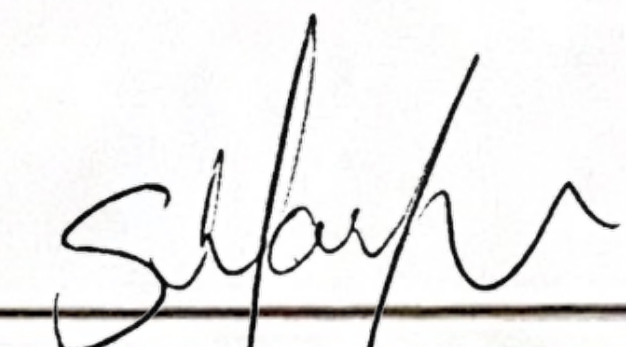
Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Rita Beechey

**RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-054**

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting of April 20, 2023 adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

**Carried.**

  
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Board Chair

  
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Recording Secretary