

Georgina Public Library Board
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 p.m.

2. First Nations Acknowledgement Statement

“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.”

3. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present:

Bobbi Sabatini, Chair
Rita Beechey
Leslie Johnstone
Nancy Rodrigues, Vice-Chair
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison
Councillor Dave Neeson (arrived late)

The following Board members were absent:

Amalee Lavigne
Madalyn Calzavara

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*
Lynn McKinley, *CUPE 905.13 Representative*

4. Introduction of Addendum Items

5. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rita Beechey, Seconded by Naomi Davison

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-113

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting Agenda of November 16, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. Announcements – *None*

7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – *None*

8. Adoption of the Past Minutes – October 19, 2023 Board meeting minutes

Moved by Leslie Johnstone, Seconded by Rita Beechey

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-114

That the minutes of the October 19, 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 – October 2023
- d. Media Scan

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Naomi Davison

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-115

That Item 12 – Consent Agenda be received as circulated.

Carried.

12. Verbal Communications

- a. CEO update (V. Stevens)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Ruth Berry & Anna Delong, GPL's eServices Technicians, presented small business-related Library eResources at the Chamber of Commerce Small Business Conference on Oct. 20. They had a very positive response.

SPACES

- MURC construction continues on-schedule and on-budget: substantial completion expected in December 2023; opening to the public expected in March 2024.

PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP

- Chris Li, GPL's Makerspace Programmer, started on November 14, 2023.
- GPL's new Manager, Library Collections, Karolina Roussakis, starts on November 20, 2023.

COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS

- Our Hallowe'en Crafting program at the Keswick branch had a great turn-out with 45 kids and their caregivers in attendance

TECHNOLOGY

- Purchasing for Maker Space technology continues

- b. Board Chair update (B. Sabatini)
 - The Board Chair continues to meet with the CEO regularly

- c. Friends of the Library update (R. Beechey)
 - The Friends of the Library held the Victorian Tea this past Sunday, there was a lot of work put into the event
 - There were 83 attendees
 - The new venue, Egypt Hall, worked out really well
 - The Friends have donated some of the new Discovery Branch equipment
 - The Friends are brainstorming for their next event which will take place after Christmas

Moved by Naomi Davison Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-116

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

Carried.

13. Old Business - None

14. New Business

- a. Policy Review: Secondary Student School Volunteers

Moved by Nancy Rodrigues, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-117

That the Secondary Student School Volunteers policy be accepted as presented.

Carried.

b. December Board meeting date / Holiday baking

(D. Neeson arrived)

The Board members discussed the date and timing of the December meeting. It was decided that the meeting will remain on December 21st, and the start time will be pushed earlier in the evening to 5:00pm.

Moved By Naomi Davison, Seconded by Leslie Johnstone

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-118

That the start time of the December 21st Board meeting be moved up to 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

The Board discussed baking cookies and distributing them to staff at all branches.

c. OLA SuperConference

The CEO informed the Board that there is space for two Board members to attend the annual OLA SuperConference.

The Board Chair will reach out to the two newest Board members to see if they have any interest in attending; if not, the Board Chair will extend the offer to the rest of the Board members.

15. Other Business - None

16. Closed Session - None

i. Motion to move into closed session

ii. Motion to reconvene into open session

17. Next Meeting Date /Time

December 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Zoom

18. Adjournment

Moved by Rita Beechey Seconded by Nancy Rodrigues

RESOLUTION NO. GLB-2023-119

That the Georgina Public Library Board meeting of November 16, 2023 adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Carried.



Board Chair



Recording Secretary