
EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Trustees Boardroom, Stanley A. Milner

ATTENDANCE:

Board: James Crossman

Mansur Bitar

Rebecca Bock-Freeman

Tina Faiz

Sandra Marin

Councillor Karen Principe

Chad Schulz

Shawna Vogel

Regrets: Rosalie Russnak

Mark Hoosein

Staff: Pilar Martinez, Chief Executive Officer

Corrina Chetley-Irwin, Executive Director, Employee Experience

Sharon Day, Executive Director, Customer Experience

Vicky Varga, Executive Director, Collections, Marketing and
Technology

Recording Secretary: Lisette Lalchan

1. CALL TO ORDER/CHAIR WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair, James Crossman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed Diana Davidson, Director, Public Library Services Branch to the meeting.

James then shared a Land Acknowledgement. He noted that this month is National Indigenous History Month, an opportunity to learn about and honour the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

2. PRESENTATION

2a) Public Library Services Branch Update, Diana Davidson

Diana noted that Municipal Affairs was pleased to be able to provide stable funding for public libraries in 2024. She then provided an update on recent Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) initiatives, such as: equitable access, the digital literacy symposium

offered at Strathcona County, and changes to the Libraries Act based on the Red Tape Reduction work. She expressed her gratitude for the working relationship and partnership with EPL, highlighting the Voices of the Land project, the Metro delivery service and the ME Library initiative.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: That the Board accept the agenda as circulated.
Moved by Rebecca Bock-Freeman. Seconded by Tina Faiz.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest identified.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Board approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes.
Moved by Mansur Bitar. Seconded by Rebecca Bock-Freeman.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sandra Marin shared that we inadvertently missed sending out the Trustee Self-Evaluation and it would be sent out following the Board meeting. She encouraged Trustees to complete the survey which will inform the Learning Plan. We will get back on track with the regular March timeline next year and will continue to implement activities from the current Learning Plan.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7a) Chair's Report
- 7b) CEO's Report
- 7c) ALTA Report
- 7d) Appointments - Committees and Chairs, ALTA and Friends of EPL

Pilar provided highlights from her CEO report, noting that the Bites and Insights event on May 15 with MLAs and Ministers was a great opportunity to promote library services and connect with elected officials. She also mentioned that the Lunch and Learn session with City Council on May 27 was successful. James, Pilar and Vicky provided an update on the impact of recent funding to the eight Councillors in attendance who demonstrated strong engagement and support for EPL. The infographics shared with City Council will also be shared with Trustees so that they too can share via social media.

Sandra Marin thanked Trustees for their support and participation in the ALTA AGM.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Committee members, Committee chairs, ALTA and Friends of EPL representatives as listed.
Moved by Karen Principe. Seconded by Tina Faiz.

CARRIED

MOTION: That the Board receive all consent items as information.
Moved by Sandra Marin. Seconded by Rebecca Bock-Freeman.

CARRIED

Diana Davidson left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a) EPL Advocacy Plan and Municipal Election Strategy

Pilar and Vicky presented the draft EPL Advocacy Plan and Municipal Election Strategy. They highlighted the primary audiences, goals and outcomes, objectives, next steps and ways Trustees can help.

The Board then participated in a relationship mapping exercise to identify their relationships and connections that can support EPL in accomplishing our advocacy goals. We will create an action plan from the stakeholders identified and provide an opportunity for Trustees to continue to input ideas regarding connections to support EPL. Trustees provided helpful feedback on the advocacy plan and election strategy, which will be updated and shared in the fall.

9. NEW INQUIRIES

There were no new inquiries.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.