

Waterloo Public Library

Regular Meeting of the Board

Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2016

Waterloo Public Library – Board Meeting Minutes – 23/03/2016

Board Members Attending: Ms. Karen Scian (Chair); Ms. S.S. Ahmad; Ms. Jude Doble (Vice Chair); Mr. Ian Gilchrist; Ms. Rachel Harder; Ms. Helen Kaluzny; Mr. John Strong; Councillor Angela Vieth

Regrets: Ms. Alison DeMuy

Guests: Mr. Tim Anderson CAO (City of Waterloo), Mr. Gene DiMira, Chairperson (Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association)

Staff: Ms. Laurie Clarke (CEO); Ms. Gloria Van Eek-Meijers (Deputy CEO), Ms. Laura Dick (Manger, Branches)

1. Call to order:

Ms. Scian, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the agenda

Moved by I. Gilchrist and seconded by S.S. Ahmad that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the nature thereof

None.

4. Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting

Moved by J. Doble, seconded by I. Gilchrist, that the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

5. Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association presentation by G. DiMira, Chair ENA Board

At the request of the Library Board, Mr. Gene DiMira presented the report originally delivered to the City of Waterloo Council on Budget Day, February 8, 2016. The presentation highlighted demographic trends which justify building a new library in the east side of Waterloo and raised awareness of the needs for local programming. Mr. DiMira expressed appreciation to the City Council for reaffirming project funding and offered the support of the ENA during the visioning and planning phase of an east side library service point.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

None.

7. Chair Report – K. Scian

Deferred to the 2015 AGM.

8. Council Report – Councillor Vieth

None.

9. Delegations

None.

10. Correspondence

- Thank you letter from S. Madill, Director KWAG (attached)

Janet Seally, Manager, Local History, received a letter of appreciation from Shirley Madill, Executive Director of the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery thanking WPL for their help with the Gallery's 60th anniversary Founders' Project. The Library's Local History collection was a valuable resource in locating historical information on early members of the KWAG Board of Directors and various Committees.

- Thank you letter from N. Mattes, Associate Director, Arts Advancement, UW (attached)

Laurie Clarke, CEO received a note of appreciation from Nancy Mattes, Associate Director, Arts Advancement, University of Waterloo, thanking WPL for supporting the university's application to the Lyle Hallman Foundation regarding SAIL (Student Artists Innovation Lab). Ms. Mattes also expressed appreciation for the ongoing spirit of partnership between UW and WPL.

11. Decision Items

None.

12. Information Items

12.1 CEO Report – L. Clarke CEO (verbal)

- March Break 2016 was a huge success. Programs included creating jungle terrariums, stop motion mini movies using Minecraft blocks and iPads, performing experiments on the temperature of science, making undersea dioramas and birdhouses, and going on iPad scavenger hunts.
- WPL's February "Toasty Toes" campaign collected 2,200 socks for the street involved and homeless in Waterloo Region. St. Johns Soup Kitchen was ecstatic to receive so many socks as their supply was depleted.
- WPL is holding a diaper drive to help the youngest of the Syrian refugees who have moved to our Region. Donated diapers will be brought to the Masjid Syria Free Shop, where refugees are encouraged to go to shop for their needs, for free.

- WPL will be participating in the Uptown Waterloo construction sign campaign. Along with other local business and groups, we will be posting signs on construction fences along King St. Our signs will promote 4 signature events: SteamHEAT, Summer Reading Club, Waterloo Reads and After Hours @The Library.
- In response to the current colouring craze for adults, we will soon be offering pencil crayons and table sized colouring sheets for adults at the Main Library. Up to 4 customers at a time will be able to sit down and colour for as long as they want.
- Sandi Hall, Specialist, Marketing and Communications will represent WPL on the Marketing subcommittee of the Uptown BIA.
- Ms. Clarke has been invited by Wilfrid Laurier to attend the WLU 11th Annual Outstanding Women of Laurier Dinner on March 30th.

13. Committee Reports

13.1 Fundraising & Outreach – I. Gilchrist (verbal)

Plans for our 3rd Annual After Hours@ The Library event are underway. After Hours will be held on the evening of Friday November 25, 2016. This date was chosen to coincide with the City of Waterloo's Final Friday program. Final Fridays take place on the last Friday of each month and include exciting community events that explore arts and culture and showcase the amazing range of things taking place in Waterloo.

14. Date of next regular meeting

Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Main Library

15. Adjournment

Moved by J. Doble, seconded by I. Gilchrist

Motion carried.

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO
ART GALLERY**

February 23, 2016

Janet Seally
Manager of Information Services and Local History
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Dear Janet Seally:

As you are aware, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

In January 1956, a group of visionaries met with the mission to establish an art gallery in Kitchener-Waterloo, a gallery that would collect and exhibit art of our time and take the lead in presenting current work by Canadian and international artists. On September 23, 1956, the Gallery's first exhibition of Tom Thomson paintings was opened by A.Y. Jackson and took place in a bicycle shed behind KW Collegiate.

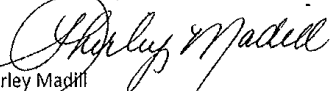
Since that time, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, the region's largest and oldest public art gallery, has continued to lead the way, exhibiting the best in Canadian contemporary art and positioning the Gallery on the national and international stage.

Over the past few months a group of dedicated volunteers have been out there in the community conducting much needed research on the Gallery's important history, researching the names of the early members of the Board of Directors and various Committees, and locating the founders' families and descendants with the intention of honouring their contribution to the cultural fabric of the Waterloo.

Our success in the Founders' Project would not have been possible without the help from various members of our community who supported our quest - individuals who were so generous with their time and provision of much needed information that enabled us to find answers to many puzzles.

You are amongst this special group of people and on behalf of the Board, staff and me; I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude - thank you so much for your help and for being part of this.

With best wishes,


Shirley Madill
Executive Director

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Dear Laurie,

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Thank you for supporting our application to the Lyle Hallman Foundation to support SPAIL (Student artist Innovation Lab). We are very proud of our partnership with the Waterloo Public Library & hope that this venture will strengthen our relationship even further. The independence between UW & community is HUGE & we cannot take it for granted.

Thank you again for your willingness to help and for all that you do to make our community vibrant. Sincerely,

Nancy Mettes