



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Teams Virtual meeting

Public Access: Interested parties please pre-register for this meeting by email aferraro@uxbridge.ca

1. Call to order:
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof.
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of March Minutes
5. Committees:
 - 5.1 Finance – Amanda
 - March accounts
 - 5.2 Governance and HR Committee
 - COVID updates - Corrinne
 - Grants update
 - Inclusive Community Grant – Submitted / Pending
 - Notes from the Ontario Library Services Meeting for the population of 20,000 to 39,000. (14 in attendance) – Dave P
 - Updates for librarygovernance.ca
 - New section for board transition and the role of the board chair
 - There are toolkits available for the Provincial election on advocating for libraries
 - Information on the relationship between local council and library boards
 - Especially in smaller libraries, no longer having fines has had a positive effect
 - Selection of board members consider first of all the skill sets (lawyer, construction, etc.) then background and geography.
 - Friday, April 29th, 12:00-1:00 PM webinar on Board Transition
 - 5.3 Community Committee
 - Gerri Lynn O'Connor Children's Library ceremony update



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6. New Business

7. Ongoing Business / Action items

- Facility update

8. Correspondence

- Brock Township; Re: Support Public Libraries - Equitable Access to Digital Content
- Drag Queens Storytime – attached news release April 15th.

9. Round Table

10. Council Connects

11. Date of Next Board Meeting: Thursday May 26 @ 7 pm

12. Adjournment



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Teams Virtual meeting

Present: Dave Phillips, Corrinne Morrison, Amanda Ferraro, Agnes Croxford, Willie Popp, Gord Shreeve, Dwight Clements, Gary Ruona, Dave Barton, Martin Koolhaas

Regrets: Donna Condon,

1. Call to Order @ 7:03 pm.

- Note: This is a virtual meeting and public access was provided by asking for pre-register registration to this meeting by email aferraro@uxbridge.ca.
- Agenda and pre-registration information was posted on Library website
- No requests were made.
- Land Acknowledgement – Dave P

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary interest and the General Nature thereof.

✓ *No disclosures*

3. Approval of Agenda

✓ *Moved by Willie, seconded by Dave B; carried*

4. Approval of February Minutes

✓ *Moved by Agnes, seconded by Dwight; carried*

5. Committees:

5.1 Finance – Amanda

- February accounts
- ✓ *Moved by Willie, seconded by Gord; carried*

5.2 Governance and HR Committee

- COVID updates – Corrinne
 - Masks optional
 - March Break – very successful
 - started some in-person programming
- Grants update
 - My Main Street grant (downtown / Tourism grant) – unsuccessful
 - Inclusive Community Grant – Submitted / Pending



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Teams Virtual meeting

- Policies to approve / adopt
 - Open Access Policy
 - Diversity and Inclusion Policy
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Blue Print

✓ Moved by Dave B, seconded by Martin; carried

5.3 Community Committee

- Gerri Lynn O'Connor Children's Library ceremony update
 - Wednesday April 27th at 5 pm

6. New Business

- OLS meeting April 5th
- Request for Book suggestions – Leslie Reads

7. Ongoing Business / Action items

- Facility update
 - Tender for Masonry
 - Ice concerns in eaves / roof were discussed and will be investigated

8. Correspondence

- Town of Ajax, Re: Reducing Cost of eContent for Public Libraries
 - Receive for information

✓ Moved by Willie, seconded by Dave B; carried

9. Round Table

10. Council Connects

- Events are starting to come back. Active while being safe
- Remain virtual until May

11. Date of Next Board Meeting: Thursday April 28 @ 7:00 pm

12. Adjournment 6:30 pm

✓ Moved by Martin, seconded by Dwight; carried

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2021-03-19	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	600590	2021-03-15	BOOKS	806.36
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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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March 8, 2022

Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and
Culture Industries
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2A1

Sent via email: Lisa.macleodco@pc.ola.org

Re: Support Public Libraries - Equitable Access to Digital Content

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on February 28, 2022 in support of the resolution adopted by the Brock Township Public Library Board, a copy of which is enclosed:

Resolution C-2022-042

Moved: Councillor Schummer
Seconded: Councillor Pettingill

WHEREAS the Township of Brock recognizes the important role that libraries play in our community, and the literacy programs they provide are integral to developing proficient readers; and

WHEREAS the Township of Brock recognizes that digital literacy programs run by libraries help ensure citizens can contribute to our digital world; and

WHEREAS vulnerable demographic groups, including seniors, low income families, youth, and new Canadians rely on access to libraries as an important tool for their participation in the community; and

WHEREAS purchasing models of eContent for public libraries are restrictive in comparison to physical item purchasing, prices for eContent are exponentially higher than physical materials, but lending models do not provide additional benefits in line with premium prices; and

WHEREAS libraries must be in a position to offer eContent to their users as part of their service offering to their community, particularly given the rapid pace of digitization educational and cultural materials; and

WHEREAS Brock Township Public Library is committed to providing barrier-free access to learning and leisure materials to Brock residents through means that meet their changing needs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council supports Canadian libraries in their efforts to increase access to eContent for users; and

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

THAT Council calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to investigate the barriers faced by libraries in acquiring eContent, and develop a solution that increases access and fair pricing for eContent; and

THAT Council direct staff to forward this motion to the appropriate Provincial and Federal ministers, all Durham Region Library Boards, all Durham Region municipalities, and Durham Region.

CARRIED

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

Encl.

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February 18, 2022

Dear Township of Brock Council Members,

The Brock Township Public Library Board respectfully asks for your support in the efforts of public libraries across the country to address the ongoing issues that restrict equitable access to digital content.

On February 8, 2022, the Brock Library Board passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 2022-02-5

Moved by: Walter Schummer

Seconded by: Alicia Hogan

THAT the BTPL Board direct the Interim CEO to send a letter to Brock Township Council asking for their support in reducing the cost of eContent for public libraries by writing to Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture.

In recognition of the ever increasing reliance on digital media as well as the library's responsibility to offer high quality materials in all formats required by our community, this advocacy campaign urges our government representatives to investigate and address fair and equitable availability and pricing of eContent.

Canadian public libraries face an increasing struggle to offer digital publications due to the prohibitive costs and restrictive licensing models set out by multinational publishing companies. These companies continue to limit access to digital publications by restricting Canadian public libraries' access to a number of best-selling titles including some prominent Canadian and Indigenous works.

Libraries lend digital materials just like physical books – on a one-license-to-one user basis. The pricing of these materials significantly challenges our purchasing budgets and precludes us from purchasing multiple digital copies resulting in extremely long wait lists for our library users. By way of example, Canadian author Louise Penny's book *The Madness of Crowds* is available to libraries for \$14.15 as a soft cover, \$50.00 as a hardcover and \$32.00 in talking book CD format. A digital copy of this title in talking book format is \$95.00 and ebook format is \$75.00. Both of these digital versions are only available under a metered access model meaning the title can be checked out electronically 52 times or for 2 years – whichever happens first, at which point the licence expires. A paper edition in a public library setting would be expected to last more than 4 years at a substantially lower cost.

These challenges greatly hamper the core mandate of public libraries to provide equitable access to information in all formats to all citizens. It is increasingly important for libraries to assist people with participating fully and meaningfully in our digital world. Additionally, for many who struggle with affordability, including seniors, lower income families, youth and new Canadians, public libraries provide access to information they may not otherwise be able to obtain.

The Brock Township Public Library Board is asking municipal leaders, Members of Parliament and Federal Election 2023 candidates to recognize that libraries serve important demographic groups by providing access to materials that allow them to learn and grow, and to help us advocate for solutions to the barriers that Canadian libraries continue to face in accessing digital publications.

We respectfully ask you to consider sending a letter to the Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and copy other key provincial and federal ministers and candidates requesting active investigation of the barriers faced by public libraries in acquiring eContent and development of a solution that increases access and fair pricing.

If you require any further information please contact me at 705-426-9283 ext. 25 or lorimitchell@brocklibraries.ca.

Sincerely,



Lori Mitchell

Brock Township Public Library, Interim CEO



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Sent by E-Mail

January 27, 2022

Re: Reducing Cost of eContent for Public Libraries

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held January 24, 2022:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes the important role that libraries play in our community, and the literacy programs they provide are integral to developing proficient readers;

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes that digital literacy programs run by libraries help ensure citizens can contribute to our digital world;

WHEREAS vulnerable demographic groups, including seniors, low income families, youth, and new Canadians rely on access to libraries as an important tool for their participation in the community;

AND WHEREAS purchasing models of eContent for public libraries are restrictive in comparison to physical item purchasing, prices for eContent are exponentially higher than physical materials, but lending models do not provide additional benefits in line with premium prices;

AND WHEREAS libraries must be in a position to offer eContent to their users as part of their service offering to their community, particularly given the rapid pace of digitization of educational and cultural materials;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Public Library is committed to providing barrier-free access to learning and leisure materials to Ajax residents through means that meet their changing needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council supports Canadian libraries in their efforts to increase access to eContent for users;

2. Ajax Council calls on the provincial and federal governments to investigate the barriers faced by libraries in acquiring eContent, and develop a solution that increases access and fair pricing for eContent; and
3. This motion be sent to the appropriate provincial and federal ministers, and all Durham Region Library Boards.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or alexander.harras@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

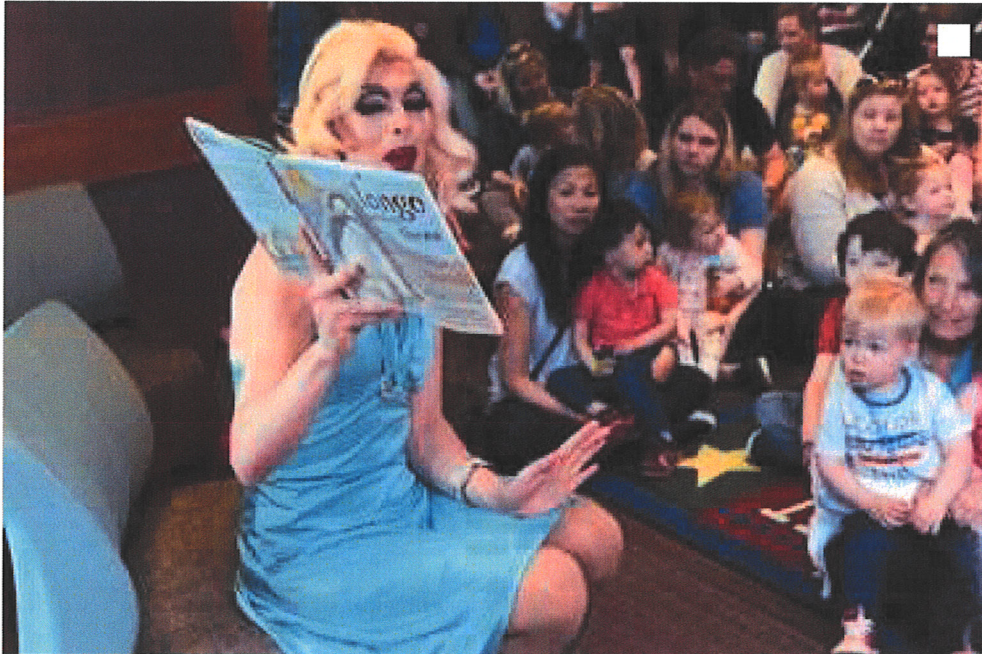


Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
Mayor Collier
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Mark Holland, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Hon. Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage
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Why Durham needs Drag Queen Storytime

'Mentally ill' comment has Youth Pride Durham stressing importance of inclusive family event

By Jennifer O'Meara DurhamRegion.com
Friday, April 15, 2022

After seeing a social media comment calling drag queens "mentally ill," organizers of Durham's Drag Queen Storytime released a statement explaining why the event is important for local youth and families.

"We are involved because kids and parents who identify as LGBT2SQ+ need to know that organizations in our communities and the people at those organizations support, respect and care about them, and will stand up and advocate for them," said a statement from Youth Pride Durham.

The organizers are concerned about the unkind social media comment, particularly because:

- Approximately 10 per cent of the community identifies as LGBTQ.
- LGBTQ youth are at risk from higher rates of depression and anxiety; more likely to use drugs and alcohol; at greater risk of homelessness and suicide; and have an increase risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.
- 68 per cent of LGBTQ youth experience family rejection.

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For the next two years, the COVID-19 pandemic made in-person events impossible. It was just one way that LGBTQ children and youth face increased social isolation during the pandemic, explained Youth Pride Durham.

This June, Drag Queen Storytime returns in-person to eight local libraries.

Here's why the organizers think **Durham needs Drag Queen Storytime**:

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Drag Queen Storytime is coming to a Durham library near you

- **Literacy:** Storytime encourages a child's love of reading while featuring books that celebrate inclusion.
- **Fun:** Celebrating judgment-free self-expression and dress-up fun for the readers and kids in the audience.
- **Diversity:** Age-appropriate stories that include all aspects of race, age, ability, language, gender identity and sexual orientation.
- **Respect:** The event challenges biases that can lead to more entrenched intolerance and encourages families to respect everyone regardless of differences.
- **Community:** Bringing people together to revel in a love of books and community diversity.

For Pride Month, children and their caregivers are invited to **Drag Queen Storytimes at their local library**:

Ajax – Wednesday, June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Ajax Public Library main branch, 55 Harwood Ave. S.

Pickering – Wednesday, June 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pickering Public Library central branch, 1 The Esplanade S.

Oshawa – Saturday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oshawa Public Libraries, McLaughlin Branch, 65 Bagot St.

Clarington – Saturday, June 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville Branch, 163 Church St.

Brock – Saturday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brock Libraries, Timothy Finley Branch, 38 Laidlaw St. S., Cannington

Uxbridge – Saturday, June 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Uxbridge Public Library, 9 Toronto St S.

Scugog – Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scugog Public Library, 231 Water St., Port Perry.

After events will feature books that celebrate diversity and inclusion, followed by sweet treats, musical performances and other fun activities.

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