



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Uxbridge Public Library

1. Call to order

- **First Nations Land Acknowledgement**

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

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of September Minutes

5. Committees:

5.1 Finance – Amanda

- September accounts
- October accounts
- BUDGET – draft operating
- BUDGET – draft capital

5.2 Governance and HR Committee

- Grants update
 - Inclusive Community Grant – unsuccessful
- Freedom of Expression article
- Process for applying to Library Board
- 2023: Potential Library Board training - Corrinne
 - Date: March 25
 - Time: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - Location: Whitby Public Library, Main Branch
 - Cost is roughly \$2100 plus HST to be divided by number of participants and each library will pay for the number of participants they send. The lunch is not included in that cost.

5.3 Community Committee

6. New Business

7. Ongoing Business / Action items

- Facility update

8. Correspondence

9. Round Table



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10. Council Connects.

11. Date of Next Board Meeting:

12. Adjournment



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Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Location: Teams Virtual meeting

Present: Dave Phillips, Corrinne Morrison, Amanda Ferraro, Agnes Croxford, Martin Koolhaas, Gord Shreeve, Cathy Peters, Gary Ruona,

Regrets: Donna Condon, Dave Barton, Willie Popp, Dwight Clements,

Public / Guest: Leslie Nagle, Children's Library staff

1. Dave Phillips called the meeting to Order at 7:01 pm.

- First Nations Land Acknowledgement
- 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.
- Two staff requests were made.

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

✓ *No disclosures*

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of June Minutes

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

5. Committees:

5.1 Finance – Amanda

- June accounts
- July accounts
- August accounts
- Q2 summary Report

✓ *Moved by Martin, seconded by Gary; carried*

- FW – from Council Report RC 13-22 Library Masonry Repair and Restoration
 - Receive for information

✓ *Moved by Gord, seconded by Martin; carried*



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- Report LB 07-22 Library Painting
 - THAT Report LB-07/22 be received from Amanda Ferraro, Library CEO for information.
 - AND THAT the Library Board approve Rutherford Contracting Ltd. for the exterior Painting: \$11,800 plus HST for the lower section and the potential higher section of the Library in 2023.
 - AND THAT the higher section \$34,125 plus HST be forwarded to the 2023 Library budget discussions for approval

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

- BIA partnership / Sunday hours
 - Extended hours (pilot project until the end of December)

5.2 Governance and HR Committee

- Recap on Overdue Fines - Corrinne
 - CBC Story on Overdue Fines, Kitchener-Waterloo
 - Corrinne and Amanda to prepare a report for the October Meeting with the pros and cons of waiving overdue fines. Potential December Holiday launch and a follow up report to Council.
- Grants update
 - Inclusive Community Grant – Submitted / Still Pending
- Update on Ontario Library Service Meeting - Dave
 - Focused on upcoming Board Legacy and Appointment process.
 - Benefits of being more involved in the appointment process.
 - Being able to have input in the selection process?
 - Potential openness to the concept in the municipality.
- Below, some related web pages, resources, and upcoming events:
 - OLS Virtual Conference: Board Members, September 21, 6pm.
[REGISTER](#)
 - [Board Legacy Documents](#)
 - [Board Self-Evaluation](#)



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- [Board Appointment process](#) (working with your municipality) ([this link](#) includes the letter from the London Public Library Board to City Council. See page 9)
- Additionally, in Spring 2023, we'll be hosting approx. 12 orientation sessions across the province for Board Members. More details will be made available in the Winter.

5.3 Community Committee

- [The Township Empire: Our Public Libraries - Yahoo News Canada](#)
- [DID YOU KNOW?: Unique items to borrow at the Uxbridge Public Library | The Star](#)
- Uxbridge Cosmos – September 8th

6. New Business

7. Ongoing Business / Action items

- Facility update
 - Masonry started
 - Painting lower sections
 - Capital inventory - Heat Air engaged for a 20 year forecast.
- other
 - Comment - Slight lean on the Tower? Amanda to check with Tacoma (ENG)

8. Correspondence N/A

9. Round Table N/A

10. Council Connects. N/A

11. Date of Next Board Meeting: Thursday October 27, 2022 @ 7 pm

12. Adjournment 7:42 pm

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

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount \$
2022-09-12	CIBC VISA	JULY 25 TO AUG 24/22	EXPENSES-JULY 25 TO AUG 24	1,410.74
2022-09-16	CDW CANADA INC.	CH23323	RENEWAL	615.23
2022-09-16	C.E.T. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INC.	1819-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-AUG29 & SEPT5-LB	113.00
2022-09-16	LAWNSCAPE	43413-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-AUG 29/SEPT 5-LB	56.50
2022-09-16	CWB NATIONAL LEASING	18539413	PHONE EQUIPMENT LEASE-OCT	353.92
2022-09-16	FIBERNETICS CORPORATION	583677	TELEPHONE-SEPT 1 TO OCT 1	135.54
2022-09-16	DURHAM REGION -UTILITY FINANCE	7884100000/SEPT2022	WATER AND SEWER-JUNE28-AUG30	836.02
2022-09-16	CDW CANADA INC.	CJ17470	SUPPLIES	681.25
2022-09-16	LAKERIDGE HEALTH	B9357-090622-LIBRARY	PAD CERT.-LIBRARY	339.00
2022-09-16	NETAGEN	88997-LIBRARY	SERVICES-AUGUST-LIBRARY	2,041.91
2022-09-27	C.E.T. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INC.	1818-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-AUG 15 & 22-LIB	113.00
2022-09-27	ENBRIDGE	113542251003/SEP2022	ESTIMATE-AUG 19 TO SEPT 19	171.70
2022-09-27	BELL CANADA	9054732375/SEPT2022	TELEPHONE-SEPT	121.53
2022-09-27	BLUE HERON BOOKS	349387	BOOKS	107.84
2022-09-27	DE LAGE LANDEN	8677670	COPIER-10/15-11/14	173.44
2022-09-27	RUTHERFORD CONTRACTING LTD.	06525	PAINTING	13,334.00
2022-09-27	BELL CANADA	9058529748/SEPT2022	TELEPHONE-SEPT	76.90
2022-09-27	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	200072033278/SEP2022	HYDRO-AUG 9 TO SEPT 8	132.56
2022-09-27	11158465 CANADA INC. C/O JIM NELSON	566137	CARETAKING-SEPT	1,898.40
2022-09-27	NETAGEN	90365	SERVICES/SUPPLIES	2,202.56
				<u>24,915.04</u>

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount \$
2022-10-04	NETAGEN	90139-LIBRARY	SERVICES-SEPT-LIBRARY	2,041.91
2022-10-04	ELEXICON ENERGY	51001548-02/SEPT2022	HYDRO-AUG 8 TO SEPT 8	1,461.43
2022-10-04	MINISTER OF FINANCE	JULY 2022	JULY EHT-LIBRARY	684.07
2022-10-04	MINISTER OF FINANCE	AUGUST EHT-LIBRARY	EHT-AUGUST-LIBRARY 2022	692.79
2022-10-04	MINISTER OF FINANCE	SEPT EHT LIBRARY	SEPT EHT LIBRARY	1,042.81
2022-10-12	CIBC VISA	AUG 25 TO SEPT 24/22	EXPENSES-AUG 25 TO SEPT 24	2,060.30
2022-10-14	BLUE HERON BOOKS	356553	BOOKS	30.23
2022-10-14	LAWNSCAPE	43590-REVISED-LIB	GRASS CUTTING-SEPT 12&19-LIB	56.50
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	628905	BOOKS	537.38
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	628906	BOOKS	268.83
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629264	BOOKS	1,420.82
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629559	BOOKS	80.15
2022-10-14	UXBRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	AUGUST 10 2022	PLANTS/MATERIALS	635.84
2022-10-14	XEROX CANADA LTD.	85613434	COPIES-SEPT	73.98
2022-10-14	CORPORATE EXPRESS CANADA INC.	C523084-00611244-LIB	OFFICE SUPPLIES-LIBRARY	363.04
2022-10-14	FIBERNETICS CORPORATION	590531	TELEPHONE-OCT 1 TO NOV 1	135.54
2022-10-14	BLUE HERON BOOKS	356241	BOOK	15.95
2022-10-14	BLUE HERON BOOKS	356637	BOOKS	24.35
2022-10-14	HEAT-AIR MECHANICAL LTD.	36920	SERVICE	468.95
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	628322	BOOKS	780.70
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	628603	BOOKS	121.49
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629265	BOOKS	271.84
2022-10-14	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629558	BOOKS	289.03
2022-10-14	ROANE S PAINT & WALLPAPER	218729	PAINT	94.15
2022-10-14	BLUE HERON BOOKS	353320	BOOKS	109.11
2022-10-14	BLUE HERON BOOKS	356903	BOOKS	47.01
2022-10-14	CWB NATIONAL LEASING	18542743	PHONE EQUIPMENT LEASE-NOV	353.92
2022-10-14	DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP	8002730014	AUDIT-LIBRARY YEAR END	3,164.00
2022-10-18	RCL BR.170 POPPY FUND	WREATH-2022-LIBRARY	WREATH-2022-LIBRARY	70.00
2022-10-20	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	200072033278/OCT2022	HYDRO-SEPT 8 TO OCT 6	123.31
2022-10-20	11158465 CANADA INC. C/O JIM NELSON	580901	CARETAKING-OCT	1,898.40

2022-10-20 LAKERIDGE HEALTH	B9357--Q2LIBRARY22	CARDIAC SAFE-JULY TO SEPT	282.50
2022-10-20 LAWNSCAPE	43608-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-SEPT25&OCT3-LIB	56.50
2022-10-20 NETAGEN	92750-LIBRARY	SERVICES-OCTOBER	2,041.91
2022-10-20 RONA INC.	33220-13419781	SUPPLIES	25.31
2022-10-20 RONA INC.	33220-13419131	SUPPLIES	55.57
2022-10-20 C.E.T. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INC.	1823-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-SEPT 26 & OCT3LB	113.00
2022-10-20 TACOMA ENGINEERS INC.	86099	MASONRY RESTORATION	1,638.50
2022-10-20 PENN & MCGUIRE ELECTRIC LTD.	09282022-09429	SERVICE	282.50
2022-10-20 RONA INC.	33220-13421421	SUPPLIES	95.32
2022-10-20 CORRINNE MORRISON	EXPENSES-SEPT/OCT	EXPENSES-SEPT/OCT	117.47
2022-10-20 BELL CANADA	9058529748/OCT2022	TELEPHONE-OCT	76.90
2022-10-20 BELL CANADA	9054732375/OCT2022	TELEPHONE-OCT	121.53
2022-10-20 XEROX CANADA LTD.	85628857	COPIES-OCT	81.28
2022-10-20 DJ MCRAE CONTRACTORS LTD.	50020	MASONRY WORK	16,780.50
2022-10-27 ENBRIDGE	113542251003/OCT2022	ESTIMATE-SEPT 20 TO OCT 18	361.13
2022-10-27 LAKERIDGE HEALTH	B9357-Q2LIBRARY22	CARDIAC SAFE PROG-JULY-SEPT22	282.50
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629921	BOOKS	377.41
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	630204	BOOKS	288.27
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	357431	BOOKS	159.42
2022-10-27 C.E.T. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INC.	1824-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-OCT 10&17-LIB	113.00
2022-10-27 GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL CANADA, INC.	740903	CHAIRS	2,514.09
2022-10-27 LAWNSCAPE	43834-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-OCT 10&17-LIB	56.50
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	630562	BOOKS	355.97
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	357201	BOOKS	87.75
2022-10-27 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	629922	BOOKS	132.96
			<u>45,915.62</u>

Freedom of expression in public libraries must apply to all

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Lucy Flawless reads storybooks to a packed audience at the Jones public library in Toronto in 2017.

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Libraries across Canada have recently come under attack for offering family-friendly story hours featuring drag queens or kings reading children's books about inclusion (a practice many had been doing for years). They have been targets of abuse from right-wing groups who falsely claim that such events encourage pedophilia.

The challenged libraries have refused to cancel any events. The chief executive officer of the Orillia Public Library, Bessie Sullivan, told the CBC last month that the callers who

threatened to get her fired “pissed me off,” and that as the situation escalated, the library doubled down – adding a second story time.

Backlash toward public-library events is not new. In 2019, the Toronto Public Library came under attack for renting a room to Radical Feminists Unite, a group self-described as “explicitly anti-capitalist” and anti-racist, because RFU’s panel discussion included Meghan Murphy – who is controversial for opposing transgender rights that she claims undermine women’s rights.

The city librarian of the Toronto Public Library, Vickery Bowles, steadfastly maintained the library’s position in the face of people who wanted her fired. She told the CBC that the most important time to stand up for free speech is when one is “in a very uncomfortable position where you’re defending perspectives and ideas and viewpoints that many in the community, or a few in the community, whatever, find offensive.”

While different in their targets, these attacks both came from people who disliked or feared the proposed events. The protesters challenged the role of public libraries – and their staff – in allowing these events to occur. The events ultimately took place anyway because of the libraries’ commitment to the principle of freedom of expression. (One of these protests included a tweet that libraries should represent the will of the majority. It is slightly creepy that it would be hard to guess which protest.)

Thinking about freedom of expression, especially in public libraries, is uncomfortable. It always has been. Libraries have worked hard to develop policies that allow the maximum freedom of expression within the bounds of Canadian law (hate speech as defined by the Criminal Code is not allowed) – to allow their patrons access to the broadest possible range of materials and the freest possible discussion of ideas. And that commitment can make many of us uneasy, myself included.

In the late 1980s, as part of my job, I represented booksellers on the Freedom of Expression Committee of the industry-wide Book and Periodical Council. The FOE Committee maintains: “As writers, editors, publishers, book manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and librarians, we abhor arbitrary interpretations of the law and other attempts to limit freedom of expression. ... Censorship does not protect society; it smothers creativity and precludes open debate of controversial issues.”

As it continues to do today, that committee spoke out for the rights of those whom others wanted to silence: schools that offered Margaret Laurence’s *The Diviners* to their students;

Vancouver's Little Sister and Toronto's Glad Day Bookshop, harassed constantly by Canada Customs for importing gay- and lesbian-themed books and magazines; and the distributors who handled Penthouse magazine, to name a few.

A wishy-washy moderate, I privately had a hard time with some of the materials. As a woman and feminist, I prayed that I would never have to publicly defend an issue of Penthouse held up by Customs. (Our committee did get some amusement trying to figure out which of the two centrefold pages was the single one that Customs deemed obscene – the naked top half of the model wearing a parachute harness or the naked bottom half surrounded by folds of parachute material.)

Against my ambivalence stood the adamant defenders of freedom of expression – our stalwart executive director Nancy Fleming, writer June Callwood and civil-rights lawyer Alan Borovoy, among others. Without it, they said, the majority could override the rights of minorities and the marginalized. Political motivations could lead to violations of human rights. Unpopular speech could be silenced by those who felt threatened by it. And I came to realize that, uncomfortable as this made me feel, they were correct.

Some Canadians may have felt it is horrific to silence Ms. Murphy, but fine to stop drag storytellers. Others may feel that drag events are delightful and Ms. Murphy's views are repugnant. The hard truth is that freedom of expression in public libraries must apply to both, because otherwise, they will apply to neither.

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