

**[draft] Minutes of the Grey Highlands Public Library Board Meeting
Held at the Flesherton Public Library
On Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Stewart Halliday, Jim Kekanovich, David Prentice, Margaret Russell, Lynn Silverton, Cynthia Stimson, Wilda Allen, CEO, Beth Kennedy, Branch Head

Regrets: Randy Spence, Marc Duez, Jim Harrold,

1.0 Call to order: In the absence of Chairman Jim Harrold, Deputy Chairperson, Lynn Silverton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda as amended

Motion # 34-09

Moved by: Cynthia Stimson

Seconded by: David Prentice

That the agenda be approved. Carried.

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Board Meeting, as amended

Motion #35-09

Moved by: Jim Kekanovich

Seconded by: Cynthia Stimson

**That the minutes of the June 17, 2009 Library Board Meeting be approved as amended.
Carried.**

Amendment: clarification of item 8.1 – change to “The municipality will receive a grant of \$912,000 from the Federal and Provincial Governments (\$456,000 each).

5.0 Business Arising

.1 ILS System Update –Wilda informed the Board that there is good news: Hanover, Shelburne and Grand Valley Public Libraries are all “live” on the new system. They are the single site libraries. The remaining libraries all have multiple branches and are still in “sandbox mode” and testing data. It is hoped that North Perth will be up soon. Training for staff will be taking place this month.

Grey Highlands Public Library is the lead applicant on behalf of the Saugeen Library Consortium for grant funding from SOLS for two IT/Technical support positions. The funding is part of the SOLS \$15 Million program.

Wilda received an e mail from someone that may wish to contribute to the building fund in memory of their Father. Wilda has responded to the email and will provide an update when the project is further along.

Some discussion on the method of determining the value of the existing Flesherton Library. The building will have to be declared as a surplus property by the Municipality.

Motion #37-09 **Moved by: Stewart Halliday**
Seconded by: David Prentice
That a professional appraisal be requested for the value of the Flesherton Library Building. CEO Allen will obtain quotes for this purpose. Carried.

9.0 CEO Report:

Before presenting the report Wilda Allen, asked that Beth Kennedy, Branch Head of the Walter Harris Memorial Library be commended on her swift action to ensure the safety of library staff and patrons when the tornado passed through Markdale in August. It was also noted that the meeting room was the designated Municipal Emergency headquarters during the fire at Chapman's Ice Cream and that Beth Kennedy went beyond the call of duty in assisting municipal staff. Board members congratulated Beth for her dedication and a job well done.

Following the CEO report, there was discussion regarding the Creative Communities grant available through the Ministry of Culture. Wilda Allen, reported that she had made some preliminary enquiries. Stuart Halliday noted that since this is 50% grant and given the amount of extra work required for the new library project, that the board pass on applying for the grant Wilda explained the concept of "Place Making" and commented that she has seen several presentations at library conferences.

Motion #38-09 **Moved by Jim Kekanovich**
Seconded by Cynthia Stimson.
That the Library Board not pursue the Creative Communities grant at this time. Carried.

Motion #39-09 **Moved by: Margaret Russell**
Seconded by: Cynthia Stimson
That the CEO report be received. Carried.

10.0 Other Business:

.1 Health and Safety – H1N1 – library procedures: Beth Kennedy provided

a report on the procedures that are in place for staff health and safety with respect to H1N1.

- .2 Wilda informed the Board that there are presently 99 residents in Grey Highlands who have joined the Collingwood Library under the service contract. Of the total number, 35 members reside in the expanded service area.

11.0 Adjournment: moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next meeting has been set for at the Walter Harris Memorial Library on October 21st at 7 p.m...

Signature Chairperson

Date

Signature CEO

Date