

**Minutes of the Grey Highlands Public Library Board Meeting
On
Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00p.m. at The Flesherton Branch**

Present: Chair Stewart Halliday, Vice Chair Nicole Martin, Andrea Schiller, Deputy Mayor Dane Nielsen, Councillor Paul Allen, Janet Carson, Bo Penny, Andrea Schiller, Dave Clarke, Steve Maloney.

Regrets:

Staff: CEO-Eleni Hughes, Library Assistant – Becky Hill

1.0 Call to order: Chair Stewart Halliday called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion #29-24

Moved by: Nicole Martin

Seconded by: Dave Clarke

**The Board approves the agenda as circulated.
Carried.**

3.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None at the time of agenda creation.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion #30-24

Moved by: Bo Penny

Seconded by: Andrea Schiller

**That the minutes of the 2024-03-27 meeting be
adopted as circulated. Carried.**

5.0 Correspondence: “Learn to Sew” program evaluations were submitted with very positive feedback.

6.0 Reports:

6.1 Treasurer’s Report: CEO Hughes reported that the actuals for 2024 have not been released yet.

Motion #31-24

Moved by: Paul Allen

Seconded by: Steve Maloney

**That the finance report be accepted as
presented. Carried.**

6.2 **CEO Report:** CEO Hughes reported March was a very busy month with March break programming. Adult programming is going very well with good attendance, Probus speaker series partnership is very popular, Markdale Branch manager Jeff Rosenberg has been assigned to the Markdale Recreation Committee, Markdale Branch is very pleased to have received the new board room chairs

courtesy of a donation of the Markdale Friends.
Chair Stewart Halliday would like to get a plaque for the Flesherton fireplace
Genoe bricks.

Motion #32-24

Moved by: Andrea Schiller
Seconded by: Janet Carson
That the Library Board receives the CEO Report
as information. Carried.

- 7.0 Strategic Plan/Work Plan Update [CEO Eleni Hughes]:** CEO Hughes reported that she met with 2 community members to discuss the library's role for cultural leadership in the community, still working on the welcome bags for newcomers to the area, met with Grey Gables to provide a visiting library service to the residents there, ESL circle with the YMCA has started in the Markdale Branch.
- 8.0 Policy Review:** CEO Hughes will send the board members a copy of the Statement of Intellectual Freedom, should be included with the foundation policies.
- 8.1 Statement of Intellectual Freedom
- 9.0 Board Advocacy:** Vice Chair Nicole Martin brought I Love Ontario Libraries pins for board members. Chair Stewart Halliday sent letter to board to review for presentation to council on May 1st. Board has reviewed the letter and there are no additions or deletions to the letter.
- 10.0 Committee Reports:** Finance committee met and concluded that there is not anything to report at this time.

Cultural Channel directorate's strategy moving forward is try to attract local talent to volunteer some time for content creation, heritage minutes of events from the past, 2 - year plan for content, make sure each month has coverage for special dates, working with museum curator for content. Focus on smaller things that are attainable.

11.0 Other Business

- 11.1 Grant Updates: [CEO Hughes]:** CEO Hughes reported that the building permits for the Markdale branch are being held up for engineering reports, the Library was unsuccessful in receiving the Ontario Summer Jobs grant for the children's department this year.
- 11.2 Website Update: [CEO Hughes]:** Chair Halliday recommended that the CEO look into local business Dragonfly Designs in Markdale, approach Library Friends groups to request assistance for funding.
- 11.3 Board Member Emails: [CEO Hughes]:** CEO Hughes presented the board with the idea to have their own library email addresses. Board voted against this idea.
- 11.4 Friends of the Library/Spring Café Update: [Janet Carson & CEO Hughes]:** CEO Hughes outlined the storytelling contest for the Spring Café.

Motion #33-24

Moved by: Janet Carson
Seconded by: Dane Nielsen
That the Library Board receives the
verbal updates for items 11.1 – 11.4 as

information. Carried.

12.0 Date of the Next Meeting:

Motion #34-24

**Moved by: Dane Nielsen
Seconded by: Steve Maloney
That the next Library Board meeting
takes place on May 22 at 7:00 pm at
the Walter Harris Memorial Branch, or at
the call of the Chair. Carried.**

13.0 Adjournment:

Motion #35-24

**Moved by: Dane Nielsen
Seconded by: Dave Clarke
That the meeting is adjourned at.
Carried.**

Stewart Halliday

Signature, Chair

May 22, 2024

Date

Eleni Hughes

Signature, CEO

May 22, 2024

Date