

**Minutes of the Grey Highlands Public Library Board Meeting
Held at the Flesherton Public Library
On Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7 p.m.**

Present: Jim Harrold, Jim Kekanovich, Stewart Halliday, Lynn Silverton, Margaret Russell, David Prentice, Wilda Allen, CEO,

Regrets: Marc Duez, Randy Spence, Cynthia Stimson,

Guest: David Turner, Chamber of Commerce

1.0 Call to order: Chairman Jim Harrold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion # 17-10 Moved by: David Prentice

Seconded by: Stewart Halliday

That the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

(Add item: 10.1; 10.2)

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest

None

4.0 Delegation from Chamber of Commerce-

David Turner, President of the Flesherton and District Chamber of Commerce visited regarding the possibility of a Chamber summer visitor/tourist information centre in proximity to the new library. The Library Board will speak to council about options for partnering with the Chamber.

David Turner also brought forth concerns regarding safe pedestrian access to the new Library. Stewart Halliday reported that there had been some discussion at the Municipal Council regarding the matter of safe pedestrian access to the arena, secondary school and now, the new library. The Board will continue to look into this. Chairman Jim Harrold thanked David Turner for attending the meeting.

4.0 Approval of April 21, 2010 Library Board Minutes

Motion #18-10 Moved by: Stewart Halliday

Seconded by: Margaret Russell

That the minutes of April 21, 2010 Library Board

Meeting be approved. Carried.

5.0 Business Arising

.1 Update West Grey contract: there was further discussion regarding the contract as proposed by West Grey Public Library Board. The amount proposed would pay for service until the end of November 2010. West Grey has also indicated that they will not enter into a contract in 2011. The Chairman and the CEO will forward a “strong” letter to West Grey Library Board regarding their decision to discontinue service in 2011 and revise the contract to reflect the period from January to

November 2010.

- .2 **Bill 168- Violence and Harassment in the Workplace:** Wilda Allen, reported that staff are working on a draft policy. Policies must be in place by December 2010. A seminar will be attended by Wilda.
- .3 **FOPL funding formula** - Jim Kekanovich requested clarification of information presented at the April Board meeting. The information was not on hand for this meeting but was discussed briefly. The proposed funding is “per capita”. Previously the funding has been based on a “per household” formula. Grey Highlands would see a slight increase in the operating grant however this would not compensate for the 40% reduction that occurred in the 1990’s. The proposed funding is also based on permanent residents. Many library users have cottages which are the secondary residence and this does not qualify under the formula. Generally, the larger urban centres gain the most from the new formula. The pro’s and con’s of the issues were discussed.

6.0 Correspondence: None

7.0 Financial Report:

- .1 **Monthly Financial Statement** - was reviewed with some discussion, on amounts that need to be corrected. Wilda will be meeting with the new Treasurer next Wednesday regarding the financial report.

Motion #19-10 **Moved by:** Lynn Silverton
Seconded by: Stewart Halliday
That the Board receive the financial statement for April 2010.

- .2 **2010 Library Budget update** – Stewart Halliday and Lynn Silverton reported that the proposed municipal contribution for 2010 is \$203,142.00.

8.0 Property and Planning

- .1 **Flesherton Library project update**- The tenders are now advertised and some have been picked up. Closing date is Thursday, June 3rd, 2010 at 2 p.m. Tenders will be opened by the joint steering Committee at 4 p.m. The architect will be in attendance.

Stewart Halliday will ask Dan Best, CAO to begin process for applying for the Building Permit for the new library.

Wilda will speak to Dan Best regarding the refund of the \$8,100. tipping fees and waive building permit fees.

9. CEO Report- Wilda Allen presented the monthly CEO report including the CEO annual report. Wilda Allen also provided an update on the condition of Beth Kennedy, Branch Head of the Walter Harris Memorial Library who is in ICU in Hamilton General Hospital after suffering a vertebral aneurysm

The Saugeen consortium has hired one person for the IT position. He will be working out of the Listowel Public Library and traveling to each member library. There is the possibility of extending the contract for another year.

Motion #20-10

Moved by: Margaret Russell

Seconded by: Jim Kekanovich

That the CEO monthly and annual reports be accepted. Carried.

10.0 Other Business:

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Joint planning/building committee (steering committee) with the Municipality- A steering committee composed of Mayor, CAO, two councilors, Board Chairman, CEO, and two Library Board members is required for the library project.

Motion #21-10

Moved by: Jim Kekanovich

Seconded by: Lynn Silverton:

That the board appoints the following members to be on the joint Building/Steering Committee for the new library in Flesherton: David Prentice and Margaret Russell. Carried.

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2010 Non-resident Membership fees: Membership rates for non-contract residents were discussed.

Motion #22-10

Moved by: Stewart Halliday

Seconded by: Lynn Silverton:

That the non-resident fee for 2010 be \$75. per person and \$125.00 per family. Carried.

11.0 Adjournment: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Carried.

Signature Chairperson

Date

Signature CEO

Date