

MINUTES OF THE PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.
Port Colborne Public Library Auditorium

ATTENDANCE

BOARD : D. Miller, C. MacMillan, J. Sammut, J. Tomiuck
STAFF : R. Heil, J. Parry
REGRETS : B. Steele, P. Senese

- 1) **INVOCATION** delivered by **Cheryl MacMillan**
- 2) **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED BY **C. MacMillan** SECONDED BY **J. Tomiuck**

That the agenda for the March 2nd, 2011 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

- 4) **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 5) **DELEGATIONS** - none
- 6) **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOVED BY **J. Sammut** SECONDED BY **C. MacMillan**

That the minutes for the February 23rd, 2011 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

7) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Request for budget reductions

CEO Mr. Heil explained the new accounting procedures whereby the depreciated value of the city's assets are calculated in order to formulate a replacement schedule which reflects an asset's life cycle and actual value. The Director will be attending the March 7th Budget Meeting of City Council at which time the Library's capital projects will be prioritized with the possibility that some funds will be allocated to other projects in the city. Mr. Heil also reported that Council voted not to reduce the library's 2011 operating budget as recommended by city staff.

8) **AGENDA ITEMS**

a) Virtual Tour

Library staff member Susan Therrien presented an on-line tour of the Library's website. New databases and downloadable audio and e-books were included in the presentation.

9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10) **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Correspondence

Public Relations Report

Chief Executive Officer's Report - none

Treasurer's Report - none

Director's Report

a) Provincial Funding Model

The Director outlined the new distribution formula for operating grants to libraries as proposed by the Federation Ontario Public Libraries. Funding allocations to individual libraries would be based on a consistent per capita rate plus fixed area supplements for libraries in rural and northern communities. Allocations would be increased to reflect the inflation rate and population growth since 1996 when the operating grants were last modified and to reinstate drastic cuts made to the grants at that time by the provincial government.

b) OLBA membership

The Port Colborne Public Library Board members have joined the Ontario Library Boards Association which represents public library board members and the needs of all public libraries in Ontario. There are over 360 library systems, serving 12 1/2 million residents.

MOVED BY **J. Sammut** SECONDED BY **C. MacMillan**

That the Director's Report be accepted for information purposes. Carried.

Circulation Report

11) BOARD MEMBER'S ITEMS

12) NOTICES OF MOTION

13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday April 6th, 2011

14) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY **J. Tomiuck** SECONDED BY **J. Sammut**

That the meeting be adjourned Carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD IS
WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH, AT 6:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY AUDITORIUM