

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTERN MANITOBA
REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 17, 2023, AT 6:31 P.M.
IN THE HARTNEY BRANCH**

PRESENT: Coral Millar, Chair; Shaun Cameron; Matt Berry; Cyndall Lougheed; Jason Nadeau; Bill Stilwell; Emma Denton; Melanie Lavich; Dallis Olmstead; Loretta Olivier; Donna Fillion; Karen Thomas; Helen Weitman, Hartney Branch Supervisor; Erika Martin, Director of Library Services; Kelci Kyle, Secretary

ABSENT: Charles Radford

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Loretta Oliver/Shawn Cameron

MOTION 32-2023:

That the agenda be accepted as amended with the addition of
“Alternates and Meeting Formats” under 12.2.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Donna Fillion/Cyndall Lougheed

MOTION 33-2023:

That the minutes of the regular meeting held April 19, 2023, be
accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Cyndall Lougheed/Matt Berry

MOTION 34-2023:

That the financial reports for April 2023 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS:

Shaun Cameron/Jason Nadeau

MOTION 35-2023:

That cheque numbers 3364-3405 for April 2023, and direct
deposits be approved for payment.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email dated April 19, 2023, was received from the Municipality of Grassland
advising that Karen Thomas has been appointed as a citizen rep to replace Kevin
Mantell.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director's report was prepared and presented by Erika Martin.

Discussion was held on the book challenges the Brandon School Division is currently facing. Erika will be standing up alongside Melanie Sucha and Richard Bee, Tuesday, May 23rd.

Discussion was held regarding the Lease Agreement received from the Carberry and North-Cypress Langford for their building. The intent was to start the process of outlining responsibilities for each party. Perhaps an in-person sit-down with the Municipality to discuss further and negotiate would be beneficial.

Discussion was held regarding the financials and reporting to councils.

PROGRAMMING & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

The Programming & Community Services Report was prepared by Alex Rogowsky and was included in the board package.

HARTNEY BRANCH REPORT:

The Hartney Branch Supervisor's report was prepared and presented by Helen Weitman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

No report. Karen Thomas will replace Kevin Mantell.

POLICY & GOVERNANCE:

Next meeting will be held June 5th.

Alternates/Meeting Formats:

At a regular council meeting for City of Brandon on May 15th, one councilor brought forward notice that he would like to renegotiate the WMRL library agreement with the City of Brandon, Bylaw 6565 Schedule A. Brandon City Council would have to vote in favor of renegotiating the agreement and then submit official 6 months' notice to the WMRL Board.

Discussion was held on opening the agreements to include the option to have an alternate member attend in the event that a council of citizen rep was unable to. Currently this option is not outlined in the regional agreements or WMRL policy.

The Policy Committee will research whether this is something that could work for the WMRL board and be included if our Regional Agreements are reopened.

Discussion was held regarding the format of future meetings; options included whether we should be moving back to all in person, online, or specific meetings to be held online and in person.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Met last week to review progress. The current plan is set to expire in 2024, and the next meeting is to be held in September to bounce new ideas around for the new plan.

FUNDRAISING:

Alix created a document in regard to the October Gala; everyone is encouraged to sign up for tasks, otherwise they will be assigned. We hope to see all Board Members in attendance as well as to help promote and support this event.

JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE:

No report.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE:

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Neepawa branch location.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

Loretta Olivier/Karen Thomas

MOTION 36-2023:

That the board approves the extension of the meeting by 5 minutes, be accepted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Cyndall Lougheed

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Coral Millar
Chair

Kelci Kyle
Secretary