

Via Zoom
 March 9, 2022
 19:00

Attendance		Present	Regrets	Absent
Curry	Don	X		
Marcil	Janice Treasurer	X		
Maroosis	George	X		
McDevitt	Belinda Vice Chair	X		
Murton	Jamie	X		
Surtees	Margaret	X		
Vail	Heli		X	
Veli	Ravil CEO/Secretary	X		
Wolfe	David Chair	X		

Call to Order: 19:06

Call for Conflicts of Interest: None

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Motion 22:12

Move Margaret Surtees second Belinda McDevitt to approve March 9, 2022 agenda.

CARRIED

Motion 22:13

Move Don Curry, second George Maroosis to approve February 9, 2022 minutes.

CARRIED

Treasurer’s Report:

Budget, operating and capital through February 2022, documents included with Board package. Variances noted in revenue and expenses primarily attributable to ongoing pandemic conditions. Anticipated 2021 budget year operating surplus of \$247,849. Announcement of new auditor KPMG (5 year contract) and budget impact of increased audit fees including annual increases. Discussion of 2021 surplus and creation of a reserve fund policy-Board will refer this for review by finance committee. Discussion and decision to transfer remainder 2021 capital (\$330K) to 2022 capital (\$500k), total (\$830K) for capital improvements in 2022, to reflect delayed start of downstairs abatement/boardroom project. Board made decision to transfer capital without introducing a motion.

Motion 22:14

Move Belinda McDevitt, second Margaret Surtees to receive Treasurer’s Report.

CARRIED

Motion 22:15

Move Dave Wolfe, second Margaret Surtees to appoint KPMG as NBPL auditor for 5 year contract.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

None

Chair Report:

None

CEO Report:

CEO report included in Board report-included formalizing DSSNB/NBPL storage space lease, mezzanine leak issues, changes to provincial pandemic regulations reflected in library procedures, completion of tender process for lower floor abatement and boardroom project.

Motion 22:16

Move Don Curry, second George Maroosis to receive CEO Report.

CARRIED

Motion 22:17

Move Dave Wolfe, second Belinda McDevitt to award boardroom/downstairs abatement project to Venasse Construction for \$217,000 + HST

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Management and Personnel Don Curry

Pursuant to changes in provincial pandemic regulations NBPL policy was amended to reflect consistency in adhering to regulatory guidance.

Property and Finance Belinda McDevitt

Review of Children’s Fee abolition proposal, pending data on financial impact

Motion 22:18 (conducted by online vote prior to meeting)

Move Don Curry, second Heli Vail to amend NBPL Pandemic Policy to remove vaccination requirements to reflect vaccination proof changes by the province and/or the PHU

CARRIED

New Business

Dave Wolfe discussed acknowledging Peter Handley’s quarter century service to NBPL prior to the Handley’s imminent relocation to southern Ontario. Suggestions for consideration including eponymous renovated

board room, speaker series, or bursary. Dave Wolfe also announced he was stepping down as Board Chairperson, effective the conclusion of the meeting, and that he would not seek another term on the Board after the municipal elections. Dave Wolfe indicated that by stepping down Vice Chair Belinda McDevitt would assume the Chair role through the key period of construction, budget cycle etc., this year. That experience would assure a smooth transition and continuity of leadership in the Chairperson-Belinda McDevitt has indicated she will continue on the Board for the next 4 year cycle –as a new board begins after municipal elections. Dave Wolfe will join the Finance committee for the remainder of the term. Dave Wolfe also indicated his interest in joining any nascent NBPL foundation. Board members thanked Dave for his outstanding service and leadership particularly through successive cycles of renovations and construction and through the challenges of the entire pandemic period. Board also announced that Dave Wolfe will be the recipient of the Trustee Award at a ceremony at the library in April.

Motion 22:19

Move George Maroosis, second Margaret Surtees to adjourn at 20:08

CARRIED