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MINUTES OF INAUGURAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Maple Library

Present: G. Blackman, R. Cinelli, D. Da Ros-Presutti, L. Hewitt, M. Iafrate,
M. Kaur, H. Malik, A. Nicaso, P. Pallante, B. Riga, G. Rosati, R. Savage,
G. Thompson, R. Wu, S. Yeung Racco (from 7:58 pm)

Regrets: M. Ferri, D. Lazar, L. Pavese

In Attendance: M. Singleton, Chief Executive Officer
A. Dowiat Vine, Director of Growth & Communications
M. Guy, Director of Innovative Technologies & Collections
L. McDonough, Director of Customer Experience
S. Vander Werff, Director of Finance & Community Spaces
P. Yovdoshuk, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A reception was held to present Board trustees from the 2015-2018 term with certificates from Michael Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, recognizing their achievement in receiving the 2018 Joyce Cunningham Award as Public Library Board of the Year, and also to recognize Vaughan Public Libraries in being the recipient of the 2018 Angus Mowat Award of Excellence for their Customer Service Model.

As there was a quorum at 7:55 pm, the Chief Executive Officer welcome the trustees and called the meeting to order.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION: THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.
MOVED BY: M. Iafrate
SECONDED BY: R. Savage
MOTION CARRIED.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2019**

MOTION: THAT the minutes of Board Meeting of January 24, 2019
be adopted as presented.
MOVED BY: R. Cinelli
SECONDED BY: G. Thompson
MOTION CARRIED.

S. Yeung Racco joined the meeting.

5. **DECLARATION OF OFFICE & CODE OF ETHICS**

The Board welcomed Todd Coles, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, who administered the Declaration of Office and Code of Ethics to trustees. T. Codes left the meeting.

6. **TRUSTEE INTRODUCTIONS**

The trustees each introduced themselves and spoke about their background.

7. **SENIOR MANAGEMENT ORIENTATIONS**

Senior Management staff provided a presentation about their areas of responsibility.

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Nominations were opened for the position of Chair of the Vaughan Public Library Board.
R. Cinelli nominated R. Savage for the position of Chair and the nomination was accepted.
P. Pallante nominated G. Thompson for the position of Chair and the nomination was accepted.

As there were two candidates for the position of Chair, candidates were invited to address the group. Election ballots were distributed.

MOTION: THAT the meeting continue past 10:00 p.m. per Board By-Law item 3.3(j) in order to conclude the business of the Board.

MOVED BY: S. Yeung Racco

SECONDED BY: M. Iafrate

MOTION CARRIED.

The Chief Executive Officer announced that Rose Savage received the greatest number of votes. Discussion ensued about the length of the term for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

MOTION: THAT the Board By-Law be revised to amend the term of the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Vaughan Public Library from 4 years to 2 years.

MOVED BY: S. Yeung Racco

SECONDED BY: H. Malik

Further discussion ensued about the motion. S. Yeung Racco requested that the motion be deferred until the Board receives a report back from staff in relation to possible legalities.

MOTION: THAT Rose Savage be declared the Chair of the Vaughan Public Library Board.

MOVED BY: G. Thompson

SECONDED BY: H. Malik

MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice Chair of the Vaughan Public Library Board.
B. Riga nominated G. Thompson for the position of Vice Chair and the nomination was accepted.
S. Yeung Racco nominated G. Blackman for the position of Vice Chair and the nomination was accepted.
H. Malik nominated M. Kaur for the position of Vice Chair and the nomination was accepted.

As there were three candidates for the position of Vice Chair, candidates were invited to address the group. Election ballots were distributed. The Chief Executive Officer announced that Gary Thompson received the greatest number of votes.

MOTION: THAT Gary Thompson be declared the Vice Chair of the Vaughan Public Library Board.

MOVED BY: M. Iafrate

SECONDED BY: L. Hewitt

MOTION CARRIED.

R. Savage assumed the Chair.

9. **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES**

MOTION: THAT D. Da Ros-Presutti, P. Pallante, G. Thompson and R. Wu be appointed as members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

AND THAT G. Blackman, D. Da Ros-Presutti, L. Hewitt, A. Nicaso, P. Pallante, B. Riga, G. Thompson and S. Yeung Racco be appointed as members of the Personnel & Policy Committee.

MOVED BY: M. Iafrate

SECONDED BY: R. Cinelli

MOTION CARRIED.

10. **UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Staff provided options for the orientation and training for trustees.

MOTION: THAT orientation and training for trustees be held as a one-day training session at a date to be determined.

MOVED BY: S. Yeung Racco

SECONDED BY: H. Malik

MOTION CARRIED.

Next Library Board Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Woodbridge Library

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm on a motion by G. Thompson, seconded by M. Kaur.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer