

MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm - Civic Centre Resource Library

Gary Sangha
Chair

Antonella Nicaso
Vice Chair

Chris Ainsworth
Trustee

Sara Camilleri
Trustee

Mario Ferri
Trustee

Akash Goyal
Trustee

Carol Herzog
Trustee

Lauri Hewitt
Trustee

Marilyn Iafrate
Trustee

Manjit Kaur
Trustee

Palma Pallante
Trustee

Loreta Pavese
Trustee

Mario Racco
Trustee

Harpreet Rindi
Trustee

Adriano Volpentesta
Trustee

Richard Wu
Trustee

Present: G. Sangha (Chair), C. Ainsworth, M. Ferri, C. Herzog, M. Iafrate, M. Kaur, A. Nicaso, P. Pallante, L. Pavese, M. Racco (to 8:25 pm), H. Rindi, A. Volpentesta, R. Wu

Regrets: S. Camilleri, A. Goyal, L. Hewitt

In Attendance: M. Singleton, Chief Executive Officer
A. Dowiat Vine, Deputy CEO Growth & Communications
C. Fiorini, Deputy CEO Corporate Services
L. McDonough, Deputy CEO Customer Experience
P. Yovdoshuk, Recorder

Guests: Pat Aiello, Architect, Organica
Zahra Ajorloo, Project Manager, City of Vaughan

1. CALL TO ORDER

As there was a quorum at 7:00 pm, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. VPL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Items to be Added or Deleted

Amendment: Item 7 amended to reflect that Pat Aiello, Architect represents Organica and not Ward99.

Addition: Item 11.2 – Trustee Resignation and Subsequent Board Vacancy

4.2 Motion to Adopt the Agenda

MOTION: THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.
MOVED BY: P. Pallante
SECONDED BY: L. Pavese
MOTION CARRIED.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2023

MOTION: THAT the Board adopt the minutes of March 23, 2023 as presented.
MOVED BY: M. Iafrate
SECONDED BY: M. Ferri
MOTION CARRIED.

6. IN-CAMERA MEETING

M. Singleton, A. Dowiat Vine and L. McDonough left the meeting.
M. Kaur left the meeting.
Guests Pat Aiello and Zahra Ajorloo left the meeting.

6.1 Motion to Move In-Camera

MOTION: THAT the meeting move In-Camera.
MOVED BY: C. Ainsworth
SECONDED BY: M. Ferri
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved In-Camera at 7:05 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

6.2 Motion to Return to Open Session

MOTION: THAT the meeting return to Open Session.
MOVED BY: A. Nicaso
SECONDED BY: A. Volpentesta
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:24 pm.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: THAT the Board ratify all actions taken In-Camera.
MOVED BY: L. Pavese
SECONDED BY: P. Pallante
MOTION CARRIED.

M. Singleton, A. Dowiat Vine and L. McDonough rejoined the meeting at 7:25 pm.
Guests Pat Aiello and Zahra Ajorloo rejoined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

M. Kaur rejoined the meeting at 7:26 pm.

7. PRESENTATION – WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY EXTERIOR AND ENTRANCE RENOVATION DESIGN

The Board welcomed Pat Aiello, Architect, Organica, and Zahra Ajorloo, Project Manager, City of Vaughan, who provided a presentation about the Woodbridge Library Exterior and Entrance Renovation Design. Discussion ensued.

Four members of the community joined the meeting

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Woodbridge Library Exterior and Entrance Renovation Design,

AND THAT the Board approve the proposed design for the Woodbridge Library Exterior and Entrance area renovation.

MOVED BY: M. Ferri
SECONDED BY: A. Nicaso
MOTION CARRIED.

Pat Aiello and Zahra Ajorloo left the meeting.

8. INTRODUCTION TO DEPUTY CEO CORPORATE SERVICES

Christine Fiorini introduced herself as the Deputy CEO Corporate Services.

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the presentation from the Deputy CEO Corporate Services.
MOVED BY: M. Iafrate
SECONDED BY: A. Nicaso
MOTION CARRIED.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Library Articles

9.2 News Clippings

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the communications.
MOVED BY: M. Ferri
SECONDED BY: P. Pallante
MOTION CARRIED.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Management Report for March 2023 and YTD Performance Indicators

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the Management Report for March 2023 and YTD Performance Indicator Reports.
MOVED BY: A. Nicaso
SECONDED BY: R. Wu
MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 Verbal Report from Trustees Attending the Ontario Library Association 2023 Conference, February 1-4, 2023

A. Nicaso and L. Pavese provided verbal reports on their attendance at the Ontario Library Association 2023 Conference held February 1 to 4, 2023.

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the verbal reports from trustees about attendance at the Ontario Library Association 2023 Conference held February 1 to 4, 2023.
MOVED BY: M. Iafrate
SECONDED BY: C. Ainsworth
MOTION CARRIED.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Presentation re Intellectual Freedom

Lisa McDonough, Deputy CEO Customer Experience, provided a presentation in relation to Intellectual Freedom.

M. Racco left the meeting.

A request for deputation was submitted by Adele Brischi.

MOTION: THAT the Board approve a deputation by Adele Brischi
MOVED BY: A. Volpentesta
SECONDED BY: P. Pallante
MOTION CARRIED.

The Board invited her to speak.

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the deputation from Adele Brischi in relation to books in circulation in Vaughan Public Libraries.

And that the Board receive the presentation on Intellectual Freedom

AND THAT the Board support VPL's commitment to Intellectual Freedom in all aspects of service delivery, including but not limited to collections, programs, Internet usage, exhibits, ad use of buildings.

MOVED BY: C. Ainsworth

SECONDED BY: P. Pallante

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Trustee Resignation and Subsequent Board Vacancy

MOTION: THAT the Board receive the notification of resignation of Pankaj Sandhu from his position as a Trustee for the Vaughan Public Library Board,

AND THAT the Board notify the City of Vaughan Council of the vacancy,

AND THAT Council be requested to ratify the appointment of a new Vaughan Public Library Board Trustee on May 9, 2023 if possible.

MOVED BY: M. Ferri

SECONDED BY: A. Volpentesta

MOTION CARRIED.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Library Board Training Forum

Saturday, May 13, 2023 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location to be determined

Library Board Photo

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 6:30 pm

VMC Library, 200 Apple Mill Road, Vaughan (photo will be taken in the Library)

Next Library Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm

6:30 pm – Board Photo in the VMC Library, 200 Apple Mill Road, Vaughan

7:00 pm – Library Board Meeting, Studio A2 Meeting Room, 200 Apple Mill Road, Vaughan

The group of deputants left the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm on a motion by L. Pavese, seconded by P. Pallante.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer