



The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Belleville Public Library Board on Thursday Sept. 6th, 2012 at 8:00 am in the Betty Colden Room of the Belleville Public Library

Present: Councillor G. Thompson, Chair; B. Phieffer; E. Lindenberg; Councillor T. Christopher; M. Roberts; R. Rooke; Councillor J. Jenkins; G. Fraiberg

T. Pross, CEO (acting secretary); Holly Dewar, Public Service Manager

Regrets: J. Alyea (Secretary), L. Pohjola

Media: Not present

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:05 a.m.
2. **Declarations of pecuniary interest by Board Members:** There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
3. **Motion to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting of 6 Sept. 2012**

MOVED by B. Phieffer, **SECONDED** by Councillor J. Jenkins, that the agenda for the Special Meeting of 6 Sept. 2012 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. **Discussion: The Campbell Street Redevelopment Project and its impact on Belleville Public Library**

The Board discussed the City plans for the redevelopment of Campbell Street. Beth Phieffer commented on the need for the Board to speak with one voice and on the importance of open communication between all Board members concerning this project. The Chair explained that the project was brought to tender by the City as presented to the Board (including removal of courtyard stairs), with a separation of the costs for the removal of the stairs. The City Council has yet to meet to discuss and approve the final plans. The Board discussed the impact of removing the stairs and the concerns regarding the potential for negative public reaction to this kind of major work being done on a new building. Councillor Christopher noted that projects of this nature often change as they are in progress, and also that as a City Councillor he would have an obligation to express his own views separately from the views expressed by the Library Board, which would include the desire to leave the stairs intact. Upon further discussion, it was determined that several Board members were not in favour of removing the stairs in the courtyard. The concern was that the plans could be brought to Council with an endorsement from the Library Board because of the motion that was made at the July 17th meeting supporting the plans with the stairs removed.



MOVED by E. Lindenberg, **SECONDED** by Councillor T. Christopher, that the Board bring to the floor again for further discussion the July 17th motion that expressed support for the plans for the Campbell Street project as presented to the Board at the July 17th meeting.

CARRIED (Unanimous)

The Board further discussed the Campbell Street project involving the removal of the courtyard stairs.

MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, that the Board **RESCIND** the motion from the July 17th meeting expressing support for the plans for the Campbell Street Project as presented to the Board at the July 17th meeting.

CARRIED (Unanimous)

10. Other Business:

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am on a motion by M. Roberts.