



**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Belleville Public Library Board  
on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Betty Colden Room  
of the Belleville Public Library**

**Present:** S. Andrews; Councillor P. Carr; Mayor T. Christopher, ex-officio; G. Fraiberg;  
E. Lindenberg; B. Phieffer; Councillor G. Thompson; V. Whalen

T. Pross, CEO; H. Dewar, Manager of Public Services; J. Alyea, Secretary

**Regrets:** Councillor M. Panciuk; M. Roberts

**Media:** None

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Councillor Thompson at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Declarations of pecuniary interest by Board Members:** None.

3. **Motion to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 15 October 2015:**

**MOVED** by V. Whalen, **SECONDED** by B. Phieffer, that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 15 October 2015 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. **Motion to enter into In Camera session to consider the following items, pursuant to the Public Libraries Act, s. 16.1:**

- In Camera Report regarding Matter Pertaining to Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

**MOVED** by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by P. Carr, that the Board enter into In Camera session. **CARRIED**

5. **Motion to go out of In Camera session and return to the Regular Meeting.**

**MOVED** by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by V. Whalen, to go out of In Camera session. **CARRIED**

6. **Motion to approve Board member absence:**

The Public Libraries Act states that a board member who is absent from the meetings of the board for three consecutive months without being authorized by a board resolution would be disqualified.

**MOVED** by P. Carr, **SECONDED** by E. Lindenberg, to allow a current board member to be absent from 3 consecutive meetings and to continue as a board member. **CARRIED**

7. **Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 8 September 2015:**

**MOVED** by E. Lindenberg, **SECONDED** by V. Whalen, that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 8 September 2015 be approved. **CARRIED**

There was no business arising from the minutes.



8. **Items for Information:**

**Statistics for August 2015  
CEO's Report  
Media List**

**MOVED** by S. Andrews, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, to receive the Items for Information.  
**CARRIED**

9. **Financial Statement to 30 September 2015:**

**MOVED** by S. Andrews, **SECONDED** by P. Carr, to approve the Financial Statement to 30 September 2015. **CARRIED**

10. **2016 Budget submission for approval:**

**MOVED** by B. Phieffer, **SECONDED** by V. Whalen, to approve the 2016 Budget as presented. The approved Budget will be submitted to the City for approval.  
**CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY**

11. **Hydro rates increase report:**

The Finance Committee requested the CEO to prepare a report for the board on Electricity Bill increases from 2012 to 2015. The report indicates the increases to our hydro bills are far greater than the increases to our hydro usage, impacting our budget overall and increasing the amount of tax funding we are requesting from the City of Belleville. The Provincial funding we receive has not increased in more than 20 years, despite the huge increases to utility costs we have seen in that period.

12. **Administration office project:**

**MOVED** by P. Carr, **SECONDED** by G. Thompson, THAT the Library Board authorizes the CEO to hire Tom Belch and Sons Building Contractors to construct an enclosed office space for the Administrative Assistant in the existing Administrative office area, at the cost of \$5,894 + HST, without obtaining two competing quotes for the work, to be funded from the 2015 operating budget for repairs and maintenance.

13. **Other Business**

1. The Mayor commended the Library on their participation in the very successful Culture Days held downtown recently.
2. Board members wishing to attend the 2016 OLA Conference held January 27 – 30, 2016 in Toronto should advise the CEO as soon as possible.

14. **Next meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – 6:00 pm.**

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. on a motion by P. Carr.