



Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery
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**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Belleville Public Library
Board on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM
by Zoom due to COVID**

Present: Councillor P. Carr (Chair); G. Antworth; M. Butler; Councillor C. Feeney;
G. Fraiberg; B. Phieffer; M. Roberts; Councillor G. Thompson

T. Pross, CEO; H. Dewar, Manager of Public Services;
J. Alyea, Administrative Assistant; J. Van Manen, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Councillor S. Kelly

Media: None

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair 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 20 April 2021:**

MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 20 April 2021 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. **Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 16 February 2021:**

MOVED by Councilor Thompson, **SECONDED** by M. Butler, THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting of 16 February 2021 be approved.
CARRIED

No business arising from the minutes.

5. **Items for Information:**

Statistics February & March 2021
CEO's Report
Media Report

MOVED by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by M. Butler, to receive the Items for Information.
CARRIED

6. **Financial Statement to 31 March 2021:**

MOVED by M. Roberts, **SECONDED** by B. Phieffer, THAT the Financial Statement to 31 March 2021 be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillor Feeney joined the meeting at 6:28 pm.



7. Policy approval: BPL020 Collection Development:

MOVED by G. Antworth, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thompson, THAT the Library Board approves Policy BPL020 Collection Development as presented. **CARRIED**

8. Suspension of late fees during public health emergency:

MOVED by Councillor Thompson, **SECONDED** by G. Fraiberg, THAT, given the Public Health Emergency in the Province of Ontario, the Belleville Public Library Board directs the CEO to implement a late-fine amnesty program, with no further late fees charged to Library customers for borrowed material returned past their due dates, to be in effect until the end of 2021. Processing and replacement fees will continue to be charged for lost items. **CARRIED**

9. Presentation of recognition certificates for DocFest Film Festival volunteers:

MOVED by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by Councillor Feeney, THAT, recognizing the importance and cultural significance of the Downtown Belleville DocFest International Documentary Film Festival (DocFest) to the City of Belleville, the Board congratulates the volunteer members of the Organizing Committee on the 10th Year Anniversary of the film festival, including staff members Jane Van Manen and Holly Dewar, DocFest Chair, who shall be awarded with certificates of appreciation and commended on their hard work and dedication. **CARRIED**

10. Presentation of recognition certificate / gifts for Joanne Alyea – last Board meeting before retirement:

MOVED by Councillor Thompson, **SECONDED** by M. Roberts, THAT the Library Board congratulates Joanne Alyea, Administrative Assistant, on her upcoming retirement, and thanks her for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Library with the presentation of gifts and a certificate of appreciation. **CARRIED**

11. Library café termination of lease agreement

MOVED by Councillor Feeney, **SECONDED** by G. Antworth, THAT the Library Board supports the termination of the café lease between The City of Belleville and The Focus Café Bar Inc. without penalty and without requiring any further payments of rent for the café space; and THAT the Board requests that the café space be reclaimed by the Library for use as a technology centre for the benefit of our patrons. **CARRIED**

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

- In camera report on matters related to labour relations / employee negotiations

MOVED by M. Butler, **SECONDED** by Councillor Feeney, THAT the Library Board enter the In Camera session to discuss a labour relations / employee negotiation matter. **CARRIED**



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

MOVED by G. Fraiberg, **SECONDED** by B. Phieffer, THAT the Library Board go out of the In Camera session and return to the Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

14. Other Business:

The Board congratulated Councillor Feeney on her appointment to council.
No change to September Library Board meeting date.

15. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – 6:00 pm. by Zoom

16. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm on a motion by Councillor Feeney.