

# FORT SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## December 14, 2020

### IN ATTENDENCE (via Zoom)

Renetta Peddle, Chair Gordon Harris, Councillor Lisa Berry, Secretary Nicole Starker Campbell, Trustee Nadia den Boon, Trustee Lisa Mason, Trustee Judy Raaschou, Trustee Norma Leader, Trustee Michele Fedyk, Library Director Dennis Dembicki, Trustee Craig Blackmore, Trustee Shannon Bubel, Recording Secretary

### REGRETS

No regrets

Call to order: Renetta Peddle called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion* by Renetta Peddle to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nicole Starker Campbell. CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular board meeting.

*Motion* by Renetta Peddle to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Seconded by Lisa Mason. CARRIED.

#### 3. REPORTS

a. Chair's Report

Renetta advised budget presentation to City Council was online and went well. The budget was approved by City Council on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is Dennis Dembicki's last meeting as a board member. Renetta thanked Dennis for his contributions and wished him the very best with his future travels and endeavours.

- Personnel Committee
  The Personnel Committee has reached out to all staff to thank them for all their hard work and efforts during the pandemic. An informal evaluation of the Director has been completed.
- Finance, Development, and Advocacy Committee
  The Library's 2021 budget of \$1,222,000 was approved by City Council.
  FDA met last month to discuss the increase in ALTA membership fees.

**Motion** by Renetta Peddle to temporarily suspend ALTA membership, with letter to outlining the reason for Boards decision. Seconded by Judy Raaschou. CARRIED.

Next FDA meeting TBA

- d. Report from Council
  - i. The 2021 City budget was a challenge for Council. They were very complimentary/supportive regarding the Library's presentation with support for the proposed satellite branch to be located in the new high school. Gordon thanked the Library board and staff for all their work and commitment to the Library.
- e. ALTA Report

ALTA is moving forward with an organizational review. Craig advised handbooks have not yet been delivered, apologies, will be placed in inboxes soon.

f. Director's Report

Today is the first day of the second closure to the public. We are facing challenging times with another set of adjustments. The Library is offering contactless curbside pickup for patrons, as well as daily returns at the library, in accordance with AHD Safety measures. DCC remains open for Saturday returns as it has been a huge success. There are a number of staff working from home and some on sick leave.

g. Monthly Statistics – October/November October we saw some increases on the website and for online resources, as well as visits. The correct November statistics will be sent out via email. 4. NEW BUSINESS

2021 closure dates and board meetings were reviewed. Board member list will be included in January's Package.

**Motion** by Renetta Peddle to approve the 2021 Library Closure Dates with the correction of Easter Sunday named closed instead of Stat. Seconded by Dennis Dembicki. CARRIED.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- ROUNDTABLE Renetta mentioned that the successful new board member was ratified in the City Council meeting last week. We welcome and congratulate Marianne Quimpere on her appointment to serve on the Library board for a three year term commencing January 1, 2021.
- 7. IN CAMERA SESSION Held from 7:00 pm – 7:05pm
- 8. NEXT MEETING January 11, 2021
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion* by Renetta Peddle to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

CARRIED.

Board Chair

Lisa Berry

Board Secretary