

A meeting of the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board was held in the Meeting Room of the Chatham Branch at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Board:

Robert Clarke	Councillor Doyle	Sudhir Chari
Karen Green	Councillor Finn	Councillor Allin
Clare Latimer	Allision Lee-Holloway	Councillor Storey (by Teams)

Regrets:

Erin Genge	Tori Gamble
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Staff:

Heidi Wyma	Sarah Hart Coatsworth	Erin Auger
Megan Cowan	Kim Lachine-Caron	Audrey Ansell

1. Administration

A. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

B. Chair's Remarks

Clare acknowledged the work of the CKPL staff and shared the following words from Michelle Arbuckle, Executive Director of the Ontario Library Association regarding Ontario Public Library Week:

"Libraries are the ultimate bridges in our communities - they transform from a toddler's storytime castle to a student's study fortress then shape-shift into a job seeker's opportunity hub, and become a retiree's adventure launch pad. They're the only place where you can build bridges between generations using nothing but paper and imagination. In a world of constant change, libraries are our lifelong learning liaisons, proving that having fun isn't just for kids and wisdom isn't just for elders."

B-1 The Land Acknowledgment was read by Councillor Amy Finn.

C. Approval of the Agenda

There was a request to add Item G-3: December Meeting to the agenda.

Motion: That the amended agenda be approved.

A. Lee-Holloway / Councillor Finn

Carried.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board meeting of September 24, 2024 be approved.

S. Chari / A. Lee-Holloway Carried.

2. Strategic Discussion

E. Business Arising from Minutes

E-1 Discussion on CKCH

Motion: That the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board request Council to direct that administration not use closures of CKPL branches as a means of reducing costs to the overall library budget, significant increase to which will result from a potential move to the CK Community Hub.

R. Clarke / K. Green

Rejected.

3. Consent Agenda

F. Reports

Motion: That the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Doyle / S. Chari

Carried.

4. Other

G. Other Business

G-1 Expressions of Interest OLA SuperConference - Heidi informed Board members of the Board Boot Camp session of the conference to be held Saturday, February 1st.

Expressions of interest should be sent to Administration before the November 19th meeting.

G-2 Next Meeting: November 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Chatham Library.

G-3 December Meeting: Clare suggested that the Board Members spend parts of December 10 and December 12 visiting various

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branches to extend Christmas wishes to Library staff. This will be brought forward to the next meeting.

H. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourn.

Councillor Finn / A. Lee-Holloway Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.