

West Grey Public Library Board Minutes

January 10, 2024
West Grey Public Library – Virtual

Present: Malcolm Beddoe, Scott Foerster, Geoffrey Shea, Stephen Townsend, Doug Townsend, Yvonne Pelletier, Samantha Mund

Regrets: none

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Agenda

Moved by Scott Foerster and seconded by Yvonne Pelletier THAT the West Grey Library Board approve the agenda as presented.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Interest

It is recorded that there were no declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interest or the general nature thereof.

4. Board Training

4.1. Board self-evaluation review. Most have been received.
Recommendation that it be conducted annually.

5. Minutes of December 13, 2023

Moved by Samantha Mund and seconded by Stephen Townsend THAT the West Grey Library Board minutes of December 13,

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2023, be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Two Board members to attend the OLA Super Conference,
Saturday

7. Board information package: correspondence, Treasurer's report, committee reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report [Dec 14]

7.2 BDO Auditor's Report – no questions

Moved by Yvonne Pelletier and seconded by Doug Townsend

THAT the West Grey Library Board accept BDO Auditor's report
as presented.

Carried.

8. Chief Librarian's report

Moved by Samantha Mund and seconded by Stephen Townsend

THAT the West Grey Library Board accept the Chief Librarian's
report as presented.

Carried.

9. Policy review and updates

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10. Call for nominations for 2024 Board Chair

10.1 Malcolm Beddoes nominated and accepted nomination
CEO assumed chair to call for further nominations

11. Election of 2024 Board Chair

11.1 Malcolm Beddoes acclaimed as Board Chair
discussion re: maximum tenure (2 terms) followed by minimum one-year gap before further service; to be developed into policy

12. Report from Board and Council Members

13. Other Business.

- 11.1 Neighbourhood canvassing by Board members discussed.
- 11.2 CEO directed to gather statistics, including cost per person of current contract, and cost per person information from neighbouring areas: Southgate, Bruce, Hanover, Wellington for further discussion

14. Open Discussion

- 14.1 Comments from Board member: Ayton Branch Saturday opening successful in terms of attendance statistics
- 14.2 Increase in new cards: over 400 new members in 2023
- 14.3 CEO informed Board of staff changes

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14.4 Board member advised that the value of programs be demonstrated, including innovation, spirit-building, statistics (attendance, circulation, new patrons)

15. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 14, 6pm start – virtual

16. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:57pm by Geoffrey Shea

Chair:

Date: