



**Location:** Main Library



**Date:** October 25, 2023



**Time:** 5:00pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** F. Mensink (chair), D. Charlton, N. Campbell, L. Li; M. Kelly; K. McManus; R. Chambers; J. Murphy; Councillor J. Wright (virtual)

**Staff:** K. Kipfer (CEO); L. Dick (Deputy CEO), A. d'Ailly (Manager, Collections)

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### 1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Land Acknowledgement  
F. Mensink called the meeting to order.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved** by K. McManus, seconded by J. Murphy that the agenda be approved.

**Motion carried**

### 3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the nature thereof - none

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the regular September 27, 2023 meeting

**Moved** by M. Kelly, seconded by N. Campbell that the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting be approved.

**Motion carried**

### 5. Business arising from the minutes - none

### 6. Staff Presentation – Alannah d'Ailly, Manager, Collections

- A. d'Ailly provided updates on trends in Collections.
- Pandemic recovery is evident after a busy summer across the system that was a return to pre-pandemic activity.
- Use of book collections is up more than 16% from 2019.
- Recovery was evident last year and performance indicators are up again this year in spite of some structural changes. DVD use has declined almost 60% since the pandemic.
- Digital audiobooks are a stand-out, increasing by 12% in the past year, almost four times the increase of e-books.



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- The cool collections are capturing the attention of customers, particularly first-time and returning members. There was discussion about the trends in collection challenges and coordinated efforts to ban books as well as the library's role to defend intellectual freedom and the freedom to read.

**7. Chair Update** – F. Mensink

- The chair updated the board on a recent meeting with the Honorable Neil Lumsden, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

**8. Correspondence** – none

**9. Committee Reports**

9.1 D. Charlton & K. Kipfer

- D. Charlton & K. Kipfer walked board members through the recommended Vision, Mission, Values draft document.
- **Moved** by N. Campbell, seconded by D. Charlton to accept the Vision, Mission, Values as presented.

**Motion carried**

**10. Strategic Plan Update** – K. Kipfer

- K. Kipfer shared the collective feedback provided by the board on the draft strategic plan and the board discussed potential edits to the draft plan.

**11. CEO Report** – K. Kipfer

- Written submission shared with board package.
- K. Kipfer also outlined the strategic plan process to date and called for any further questions on the plan or the process.

**12. Other Business** - none

**13. Date of Next Meeting** – **November 22, 2023**

**14. Adjournment**

- Moved** by L. Li, seconded by J. Murphy that the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion carried**