



Essex County Library Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Microsoft Teams

Mission

Essex County Library welcomes you to a world of discovery, creativity and lifelong learning through accessible resources, programs, and innovative services.

Vision

ECL strives to welcome a diverse community to a warm and inviting space where:

- Knowledgeable staff are sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the community
- Innovative ideas and cutting-edge technology are embraced
- Engaging programs and current comprehensive collections are created
- Creative partnerships encourage social interaction and cultural vitality

Members:

Joe Bachetti, Chair
Tracey Bailey
Sherry Bondy, Vice Chair
Terry Burns
Chris Gibb
Heather Latam
Lauren Segedin

Administration:

Bianca Azzopardi, Coordinator, HR
Adam Craig, Chief Librarian/C.E.O.

6:00 PM Regular Meeting

1. Land Acknowledgement

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which the County of Essex is located is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomie Peoples.

We specifically recognize Caldwell First Nation and other First Nations which have provided historical and contemporary contributions to this region.

We also value the contributions of all Original Peoples of Turtle Island, who have been living and working on this land from time immemorial.

2. Recording of Attendance

All members of the Essex County Library Board attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

3. Approval of the Agenda

23/42

Moved by Mr. Burns
Seconded by Mr. Gibb

That the Agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

5. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

23/43

Moved by Ms. Latam
Seconded by Ms. Bailey

That the minutes of the September 27, 2023 Regular Meeting of Essex County Library Board be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Consent Agenda

A) Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Board meeting in November is scheduled to include a strategic planning session with the Ontario Library Services (OLS) consultant.

Essex County Library's book bike, MIKe, made its debut in October and was a great success.

The Ontario Library Association conference will be held in the new year. There will be an opportunity for Board Members to attend the conference along with a select number of staff. ECL will be purchasing a website license for remaining staff to attend virtually.

Statistics were shared with the Board.

23/44

Moved by Ms. Bailey
Seconded by Mr. Gibb

That the Board receive the Chief Executive Officer's report for information. **Carried**

7. Reports

A) 2024 Essex County Library Board Meeting Schedule

Per the Ontario Public Libraries Act, a library board shall hold at least 7 regular meetings each year. The schedule presented for 2024 includes 9 regular meetings, held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

23/45

Moved by Ms. Bondy
Seconded by Ms. Latam

That the Board receive the Essex County Library Board Meeting Schedule for 2024 for information; and, approve.

Carried

B) 2024 Essex County Library Board Budget

The final draft of the 2024 budget was presented to the Board. The total budgetary increase for 2024 is 12%.

Once approved by the Board, the budget will be presented to County Council in January.

23/46

Moved by Ms. Bondy

Seconded by Mr. Gibb

That the Board receive the 2024 Essex County Library Board Budget; and, approve.

Carried

8. Date and Location of Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

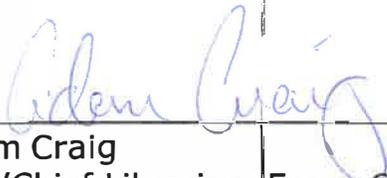
Location: Room C, Civic Centre

9. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Gibb and Ms. Bondy, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.



Joe Bachetti
Chair – Essex County Library Board



Adam Craig
CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
Secretary and Treasurer to the Board