



## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

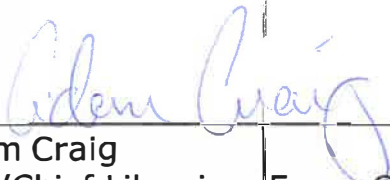
**9. Adjournment**

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



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Joe Bachetti  
Chair – Essex County Library Board



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