

Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board  
May 22, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Andrew Marre, Shari Elson- O’Garr, Melissa Jolicoeur, Sari Watson, Grant Hagerman, Miranda DeJong, Theresa O’Heir.

Regrets: None

Guests: Kenn Deck-MILL President, Elizabeth Slavin-MILL Secretary

Recorded By: Jaye Bannon

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Stirling Library Board Chair, Andrew Marre.
2. Agenda was approved on motion by Shari Elson-O’Garr. Seconded by Sari Watson. **Motion #53/19** carried.
3. No Pecuniary Interest declared.
4. Shari Elson-O’Garr informed the Board that effective April 25, 2019, all MILL Board of Directors (Heather Gray, Nik Pankow, Ken MacDougall, Jaye Bannon and Shari Elson-O’Garr) resigned en masse and gave MILL coordinator, James Reid until June 29 to establish a new Board. Shari, on behalf of the MILL Board, expressed concerns regarding the increased workload and stress placed on library staff as well as feedback received on occasion from library patrons regarding the noise created within the library by MILL volunteers. Discussion ensued on the topic of whether to continue to host the MILL within the library.

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New MILL Board Directors, Kenn Deck and Elizabeth Slavin introduced themselves to the Library Board and spoke about the above mentioned concerns. Ken and Elizabeth informed that a new MILL Board had been established and that registration of the new Directors had been successfully submitted to the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. Both members expressed sincere hope that the MILL could continue to operate in partnership with the Stirling Library from the designated space within the Library and acknowledged the concerns of the previous Board. Kenn requested that a ‘Code of Conduct’ be drawn up for all MILL volunteers and patrons to create clear expectations from those utilizing the MILL space. Kenn and Elizabeth also conveyed the Board’s request of appointing a Library Representative to act as a liaison between the Library Board and the MILL Board, thereby creating a clear line of communication at all times and to efficiently address any issues or concerns. Jaye Bannon agreed to sit as a non-voting member in this capacity.

Motion was made by Shari Elson O’Garr to direct Jaye Bannon to prepare a Code of Conduct document as well as a written agreement between the Stirling Library and the Stirling Musical Instrument Lending Library to be reviewed at the June 18, 2019 Library Board meeting. Seconded by Miranda DeJong. **Motion #54/19** carried.

5. April 16, 2019 minutes were approved on motion by Melissa Jolicoeur. Seconded by Sari Watson. **Motion #55/19** carried.

6. Business arising from the April 16, 2019 minutes.

Jaye informed the Board that she received informal appraisals of the Inuit Artwork from Andrew Gibbs of Gibbs Appraisals in Ottawa. Andrew valued all but one piece of art in the \$300-\$500 range and the large piece by Joe Talirunili at approximately \$900. Jaye requested that the print by Joe Talirunili be kept and properly framed to be displayed within the Library.

Motion was made by Shari Elson O’Garr to donate the five prints of lesser value to interested Canadian galleries or museums and that the library keep and display the print by Joe Talirunili. Seconded by Grant Hagerman. **Motion #56/19** carried.

7. Correspondence: Jaye informed the Board that hardcopies of the Independent Auditor’s Report were received from the township office and available to those wishing to obtain one.

8. Motion was made by Miranda DeJong to receive and file April 2019 Statistics and CEO Report. Seconded by Shari Elson-O’Garr. **Motion #57/19** carried.

9. No Chair Report

10. Council Report

Grant reported that the Home & Lifestyle show that took place on Friday April 26 and Saturday April 27 were well attended. Grant also informed the Board that the Public Budget Meeting was held on Tuesday May 21.

11. Policy Review

Motion was made by Shari Elson-O’Garr to approve the Financial Control and Oversight Policy#927D, the Board Advocacy Policy #GP294/10E and the Board Training Policy #GP0927E. Seconded by T.J. O’Heir. **Motion #58/19** carried.

12. Other Business

Motion was made by Melissa Jolicoeur to receive and file the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Local Boards of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon. Seconded by T.J. O’Heir. **Motion#59/19** carried.

The Board discussed the option of entering into a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with Madoc Public Library in response to CEO Tammie Adam’s appeal. Board members decided that the agreement would not be of substantial benefit to the majority of Stirling-Rawdon residents. Motion was made by Miranda DeJong to reject the proposal of a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with Madoc Public Library at this time and to reconsider once the status of ILL through SOLS is concluded. Seconded by Grant Hagerman. **Motion #60/19** carried.

Jaye gave a brief update regarding the Provincial budget cuts to the Southern Ontario Library Service and the subsequent suspension of ILLs and the elimination of the SOLS courier service. Jaye expects that more information should be available at the beginning of June and will keep the Board informed of any updates.

13. Financial Statements

Motion was made by Miranda DeJong to receive and file April 2019 Financial Statements of Revenues and Expenditures. Seconded by Shari Elson O’Garr. **Motion #61/19 carried.**

Motion was made by Miranda DeJong to accept and pay March 2019 vouchers. Seconded by Melissa Jolicoeur. **Motion #62/19 carried.**

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned by Andrew Marre.