



**Halifax Regional Library Board
Meeting Minutes
Alderney Gate Public Library
September 15 , 2022
4:45pm**

Members

Kim Brooks, Board Chair
Marika Warren, Board Vice-Chair
Emily Miller
Heather Rose
Tony Mancini
Kathryn Morse
Chi Harris
Christian Browne

Regrets

Linda MacKay
Erin Wynn

1.0 Call to order/Approval of Agenda

Kim Brooks called the meeting to order.
Emily Miller put forward a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.

Motion approved.

Emily Miller put forward a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.

Motion approved.

2.0 Chair's Report

Board Chair Kim Brooks spoke to the change in location of the board meeting and thanked everyone for travelling to the Alderney Gate location. There will be a tour provided of the renovated entrance to the Alderney Gate branch. Board members agreed that other locations will be considered for some future meetings.

Clarification was provided that the Chair of the Board Awards Committee will be added to the list of members of the Executive Committee; the list of Committee Chairs will be corrected.

3.0 Chief Librarian & CEO Report

Åsa Kachan provided an update to the Board. Highlights included:

- Programming is well underway to returning to pre-pandemic levels.
- The Library hosted Walrus Talks the night before last, and Peter Mansbridge held a book launch at Central Library last night. It was nice to gather in the Hall and we are beginning to see the numbers come back.
- HPL is making some important connections with housing and connections with other necessary supports within the community. The Library is hosting a series of community conversations around the housing issue at various branches, together with housing advocacy groups and the United Way.
- Programming and partnerships with universities, dance organizations and other cultural community groups are re-emerging.
- Art of City Building happening at Central Library next week
- Åsa shared the most recent organizational chart, showing the Executive Leadership Team and the Service Excellence Team, and spoke to the three Director positions that are currently being recruited for.
- Nomenclature for senior leadership roles is returning to Directors from Senior Manager. This is to align with the nomenclature of HRM. This does not represent a change in the level of the positions.

7.0 In Camera Session

The in-camera session was held at this time to allow adequate time for the tour of Alderney space.

Kim Brooks put forward a motion to move to an in-camera session. This motion was seconded by Heather Rose.

Motion approved.

Kim Brooks put forward a motion to move back into the business portion of the meeting. This motion was seconded by Marika Warren.

Motion approved.

4.0 Accessibility Update

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was deferred and will be discussed at the October meeting.

5.0 Facilities/Capital Update

Åsa Kachan and the Senior team provided a tour of the Alderney Gate renovations, and entrance level art installation.

6.0 6.1 Board Executive

The Board Executive did not meet between board meetings.

6.2 Finance & Audit & Risk

The Finance Audit & Risk Committee did not meet between board meetings.

6.3 Planning & Performance

The Planning & Performance Committee did not meet between board meetings.

7.0 Adjournment

As Kim Brooks was required to depart the meeting after the renovations tour, Vice-Chair Marika Warren assumed the Chair position and put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting.

This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.

Meeting adjourned.