



Halifax Regional Library Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024
Woodlawn Public Library

Present

Marika Warren
Ayo Aladejebi
Tony Mancini
Kathryn Morse
Sue Murtagh
Christian Browne
Chi Harris

Åsa Kachan
Alison Lucio
Mairead Barry
Dave MacNeil
Cathy Maddigan
Megan Gainer
Cynthia Gatto

Call to Order

1.0 Agenda

Marika Warren called the meeting to order. Tony Mancini put forward a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.
Motion approved.

Minutes

One small typo of notes being included will be struck from the minutes. Tony Mancini put forward a motion to approve the minutes with the small edit as above. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.
Motion approved.

2.0 Woodlawn Tour

The Library Board toured the Woodlawn Public Library and Collections Department.

3.0 Children's Play-based Spaces

Director of Facilities, Megan Gainer provided an overview presentation on the Play-based Learning Grant that was received. This work highlights how best to design and re-design children's spaces, taking into considering various aspects such as

age groups, floor plan layouts, etc. This work will help inform how we design the most impactful and delightful children's spaces in our public libraries.

4.0 Chair's Report

Board Chair Marika Warren spoke to the Bookmark Celebration parties that have been held in various branches over the past few weeks. Winners have been incredibly pleased and the inaugural bookmark design contest has been successful.

The Board Chair is currently having conversations with library board members regarding possible Board Executive positions.

5.0 Board Committee Reports

5.1 Board Executive

The Board Executive did not meet between meetings.

5.2 Finance Audit & Risk

The Finance & Audit Committee met to discuss the February financials and end of year projections that were circulated. A slight deficit is projected, and the actuarial adjustment is still forthcoming. The Board and Finance Committee congratulated Shannon Robilliard and her finance team for a job well done.

5.3 Planning & Performance

The Committee reported that they are scheduled to meet this upcoming Tuesday. The Committee will be reviewing the Collections Development Policy with Dave MacNeil and Erin Morice. Once the policy has been approved, the Committee will look to evaluation.

At this time, Christian Browne put forward a motion to move to an in-camera session. This motion was seconded by Ayo Aladejebi.

Motion approved.