

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Emergency Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 1:00 pm - Virtual Meeting via Conference Call

Present: Councillor Pam Wolf Ms. Janice Woynarski
Ms. Amanda Maxwell Mr. Thomas Sandor
Mr. Gary Price (Chair) Ms. Karen Wedekind
Mr. Robert Oswald Mr. Gord McSevney

Regrets: Mr. David Pinnington

Staff: Ms. Helen Kelly Ms. Ellen Lehman
Ms. Megan Lynn

I Acceptance of Agenda

20.19 Moved by Thomas Sandor, seconded by Amanda Maxwell that the Agenda be accepted.

CARRIED

II Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

III Procedural By-law Amendment to Permit Electronic Participation for Emergency Board Meetings

The Board reviewed the Special Emergency Meetings amendment to the procedural by-laws as follows:

4.13 Special Emergency Meetings

“Emergency” means any period of time during which an emergency has been declared by the Head of Council or the Premier and/or Cabinet under sections 4 or 7.0.1 of *The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. “Electronic Meeting” means a meeting called and held in full or in part via electronic means (including but not limited to, audio teleconference, video teleconference, or via means of the internet) and with or without in person attendance.

A Board member who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time.

Electronic participation shall be allowed at any emergency meetings of the Cambridge Public Library Board. A member of the Board can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.

Counting electronic participants for quorum purposes and allowing electronic participation in meetings is only available during emergencies. Once the emergency has ended, regular meeting rules will apply.

20.20 Moved by Gord McSevney, seconded by Amanda Maxwell that the Cambridge Public Library Board enact the revised Procedural By-laws of the Board, section 4.13, allowing electronic participation during a declared emergency, and that this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the date of its passing.

CARRIED

IV Service Delivery During the Temporary Closure

The services that were introduced, adapted or expanded during the four week period from March 16 to April 10 were reviewed. The Board congratulated staff on pivoting quickly to work remotely and expand electronic collections, offer chat reference, and produce PPE for community agencies.

V Cost Containment for the 2020 Budget Year

This item was deferred.

VI Location & Date of the Next Meeting

Given the current State of Emergency in Ontario, the next meeting of the Board will be at the call of the Board Chair.

VII Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned due to a technology issue.

Gary Price

Chair

Cambridge Public Library Board

Helen Kelly

Secretary/Treasurer

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