

West Grey Public Library Board Minutes

December 8, 2021

West Grey Public Library - Virtual

Present: Malcolm Beddoe, Stephen Townsend, Michele Humphrey, Boyde Colwell, Beth Hamilton, Kim Storz CEO

Absent: Elizabeth Murray

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Moved by Beth Hamilton and seconded by Boyde Colwell it hereby be resolved that the West Grey Public Library Board approve the agenda as written.

Motion carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

It is recorded that there were no declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interest or the general nature thereof.

Delegation

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Agenda

- a. Adopt previous minutes - November 10, 2021
- b. Accounts Payable – A/P Voucher VII - \$10,996.93

Moved by Stephen Townsend and seconded by Boyde Colwell THAT it hereby be resolved the West Grey Public Library Board adopt items A and B on the Consent Agenda

Motion carried.

Librarian's Report - CEO presented report to Board

Report will now include a table of tasks and completions.

Moved by Beth Hamilton and seconded by Stephen Townsend to receive the Librarian's Report for November 2021.

Motion carried.

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Matters Arising from Minutes

Budget 2022

Council has requested that the WGPL Board reduce the budget ask by \$53,400.

Options were discussed for areas that funds can be reduced: programming, public hours, fewer service points, individual budget lines, etcetera.

The CEO will review and bring options for the Board to discuss at a Special Budget Meeting on December 22, 2021 at 7 pm.

Contract with Grey Highlands Library

CEO requested Grey Highlands Library offer a one- or two-year extension to the existing contract but a three-year extension was offered with a six month notice period required for ending the contract early.

Discussion occurred around the agreement. Points discussed included:

- lack of agreements for other border communities/ residents
- the cost of paying other Municipalities for providing service (contract with Grey Highlands is \$16,000 per year)
- those residents who use Grey Highlands services are not part of our data collection
- WGPL Board struggled with this decision in 2017
- service is currently being used by 478 West Grey residents due to convenience of location

Moved by Stephen Townsend and seconded by Boyde Colwell that WGPL Board Chair execute the agreement with Grey Highlands to allow West Grey residents to use Grey Highland Library Services for 3 years.

Motion Defeated.

Land Acknowledgment

It was decided that the Policy Committee will bring back examples of acknowledgments along with a policy to be reviewed at the January meeting.

Report from Councilors

Stephen Townsend discussed West Grey's participation in the CIP (Community Improvement Plan) with Economic Development in 2022.

Other Business:

April meeting cancelled due to CEO absence. Board currently meets more than the minimum required times per year.

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Budget Meeting: 22 December, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Next meeting: 12 January 2021, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm moved by Boyde Colwell