

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Public Consultation – Regional Governance Review

24-002 **Moved by:** Barb Ruegg
 Seconded by: Ken Burden

That the Fort Erie Public Library Board approve the document entitled “Public Consultation – Regional Governance Review – Niagara Region on behalf of the Niagara Region’s Public Libraries.

Motion was Lost

The CEO circulated a position paper that was authored by the CEO/Chief Librarian of the Niagara Falls Public Library. The document was prepared to present at the public consultation Regional Governance Review for the Niagara Region, on behalf of the eleven Public Libraries in the Region.

A copy of the document was circulated to Library Board Members for review. Board Members discussed the contents of the document at great length with a view of determining if the contents of the position paper were reflective of the Fort Erie Public Library’s position. It was unanimously agreed that the Fort Erie Public Library would not support the document as written and directed the CEO to advise the authors of the document that the Fort Erie Public Library did not wish to be represented on the submission. The motion to approve was defeated with every member of the Library Board voting in the negative.

3.2 Memorandum of Understanding between the Fort Erie Public Library Board and the Friends of the Library

24-003 **Moved by:** Tricia-Lynn Pascia
 Seconded by: Barb Ruegg

That the Fort Erie Public Library Board approve the revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Library, as presented

And further, that the Chair of the Library Board forward the revised document to the Friends of the Library.

Carried

The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding are to be reviewed annually. The Chair of the Board reported the agreement has not been updated in a number of years and presented an updated/revised Memorandum of Understanding for discussion with library board members. Board members discussed each of the revisions proposed. Consensus was reached to approve the Memorandum of Understanding revisions as presented. The Chair will forward the Board approved revisions to the Friends of the Library Executive for their consideration.

4. MEETINGS

10.1 Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

4:30 p.m. Centennial Boardroom

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Chair of the Board declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The undersigned have reviewed the Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

Original Signed by:
Larry Graber, Chair

Original Signed by:
Schelley Hiebert, CEO