

**MINUTES  
OF THE PICKERING PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Held April 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Pickering Museum Village (Redman House)**

**Present:** O. Chaudhry, K. Cummings, J. Duncan, P. Irwin, J. Lucas, P. Savel (Chairperson)  
**Regrets:** K. Ashe, B. McLean, H. VanLeeuwen  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** C. Mearns  
**Staff:** E. Bird, C. Grant, C. Bolin  
**Meeting Commenced:** 7:05 p.m.

1. **Public Delegations**  
None
  
2. **Approval of Agenda, Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest**  
No conflict of interest was declared.

<b>36.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>J. Lucas</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>K. Cummings</b>
	<b>THAT the Agenda be approved as presented</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

7.10 p.m. P. Irwin joined the meeting in progress.

3. **Board Education**

**Future Trends**

C. Grant provided the Board with a comprehensive Powerpoint presentation on future trends in libraries.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 23, 2006 and Business Arising**

<b>37.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>O. Chaudhry</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>J. Duncan</b>
	<b>THAT each Member of the Board in attendance affirm that they have reviewed the Minutes of the meeting held March 23, 2006 and approve these Minutes as presented.</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

4.1 **Joint Meeting with Ajax Board**

The Chairperson reported that he had contacted the chair of the Ajax Board to propose the 21<sup>st</sup> of September as a suitable date for a joint meeting. This date was not suitable for the Ajax Board. It was suggested and agreed that we defer this meeting until 2007 when the Strategic Plan will be complete and a suitable date can be found. The Chairperson will contact the Ajax Board Chair to confirm.

5. **Report of Community Linkage Committee**

5.1 **Letter to Board of Education**

P. Irwin suggested that with the municipal elections scheduled for the fall, it might be a better use of resources to wait until early in the new year to send a letter to the Board of Education. The Board could then set up a connection with the new trustees elected in late 2006. It was agreed that the letter would go out early in 2007.

**5.2 Powerpoint Presentation (distributed)**

P. Irwin indicated that the Board package contained a print out of the draft Powerpoint presentation developed for Board visits with community groups. It would be tailored to each group as necessary. Comments from the Board members are welcome. Kevin Ashe has approached the Rotary Club to find a date when the Board could make a presentation.

**5.3 Presentation to Council**

The Chairperson updated the Board on the plans for a presentation to Council on the “state of the library”. It was suggested that we defer this presentation to late September or early October when more information from surveys etc would be available. C. Mearns will contact the Clerk to arrange to add the Board to the fall Council agenda.

**6. Governance**

**6.1 Board Self-Evaluation (February and March meetings)**

J. Lucas stated that the feedback from the February meeting was very positive. Members commented that the meeting was productive and that the chair managed the agenda well. Members also felt there was a good focus on Ends.

J. Lucas reported that the feedback from the March meeting was equally positive with a good focus on Ends and the strategic plan.

**6.2 Policy for Review**

EL1 General Executive Constraint – K. Ashe  
 No change required (per P. Savel)

BC1 Global Governance – Management Connection - J. Duncan  
 No changes required.

<b>38.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>P. Irwin</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>O. Chaudhry</b>
	<b>THAT each Member of the Board in attendance affirm that they have reviewed EL1 and BC1 and have found that these conform with Board policy.</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

**7. Ownership**

**7.1 Member Reports**

P. Irwin reported that she had attended the Pickering finals of the Battle of the Books on Wednesday at the Central Library and had found it a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

The Chairperson drew the Board’s attention to the letter from the new Minister of Culture which was included in the Board package. He reported that he had sent a response to the incoming Minister congratulating her on her appointment and thanking her for her support of Ontario libraries.

**8. Monitoring Reports**

**8.1 EL 1 General Executive Constraint**

<b>39.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>J. Lucas</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>P. Irwin</b>
	<b>THAT each Member of the Board in attendance affirm that they have reviewed the Monitoring Report EL1, and have found that the Report conforms with Board policy.</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

**9. Consent Agenda**

None

**10. Staff Reports**

**10.1 Linkage Information Update (distributed at meeting)**

<b>40.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>K. Cummings</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>J. Lucas</b>
	<b>THAT the CEO's Linkage Information Update be received.</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

**11. Board Policy Review**

**11.1 Assigned for May meeting**

EL4 Staff Conduct – P. Irwin

**12. Other Business**

P. Savel reported that B. McLean brought the Library resolution on the issue of declining Provincial Library funding to the April 18 Council meeting and K. Ashe had spoken in support. Council endorsed the motion and the issue received good coverage in the press. P.Savel thanked Councillors McLean and Ashe for their support at the Council table and commented on the positive relationship we have with Council, through our Council Liaison.

J. Duncan asked about the status of funding for ILLO and C. Mearns reported that the funding was currently stable. Funding for the Ontario Library Service would be reviewed later this year.

J. Duncan also asked whether the Library had any issues arise around the Silver Birch title "Three wishes". C. Mearns reported that the Library has several copies circulating and so far no issues had arisen.

C. Mearns reported that as of yet there had been no response to the letter to Pinball Clemens and that a letter to George Strombopoulos was sent last week.

**13. In-Camera**

None

**14. Board Self-Evaluation**

Forms were distributed to Board Members to complete before leaving the meeting.

**15. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Boardroom

<b>41.06</b>	<b>Moved:</b>	<b>P. Irwin</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>J. Lucas</b>
	<b>THAT the meeting be adjourned.</b>			
	<b>Carried.</b>			

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**