

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

**Friday, November 15, 2019**

*10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

**TORONTO REFERENCE LIBRARY – 789 Yonge Street – B1 Meeting Room**

Attendees: Anand Date, Alicia Kilgour, Paul Ainslie, Elizabeth Glass, Julia Merritt, Margaret MacLean, Margie Singleton, Mary Chevreau, Rebecca Hunt, Sabrina Saunders, Samara Cull, Wayne Greco

Regrets: Catherina Rouse, Christina Blazecka, Feather Maracle, Jennifer LaChapelle, Sonya Doyle, Vickery Bowles

Absent: Nadine Williams

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA TIME (Min.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER 2**

FOPL Board of Directors meeting called to order at 10:05 am

1. **REGRETS 2**

As noted

1. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Always updated at http://Stephen’s Lighthouse.com/  
 lighthouse consulting –inc/ 1**

1. Stephen Abram: consulting to PLs, investments in Library start-ups,   
   teaching at iSchool (U of T) as well as a partnership and advisory  
    council positions.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2**

MOTION:

To approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of Friday, November 15, 2019,

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 20, 2019 2**

MOTION:

To approve the Minutes of the FOPL September 20, 2019 Board Meeting

Moved by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT** **10**

* No item to receive

1. **TREASURER’S UPDATE 5**

MOTION:

That the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2019

be received.

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT 10**

MOTION:

That the report of the Executive Director be received as circulated

* Changes to Public Library Act-new change- permanent residents to  
  serve on library board and secondly a reduction to a minimum of 4 meetings a year from  
  the current minimum of 10
* Cabinet wants controversy gone (ILLO, regional govt. etc.)
* Have had meetings with Dr. Bonner, who has the ability to encourage changes to the bill  
   after the second reading
* Bill 108-talked to Hemson, they are engaged
* Have 2 leadership donations from Ottawa and Toronto to help fund
* Waiting on regulations that provide guidance
* Budget- have “ask’ and framework
* Government is creating new agency to control transfer payments in the agencies
* ILLO volume is down by approximately 35%
* Estimated cost of restoring ILLO subsidy province-wide is approximately $700,000
* Grants Ontario-merged and is going to a whole different level. We need to find   
  out the rules and are watching closely.

Moved by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

1. **SERVICE ONTARIO 15**

* Franchisees going out of business in the smaller towns
* Affects more small town/rural people more
* Trying to come up with a hybrid model-consider tiers
* Had a workshop and preliminary meeting with SO team
* Current library program on hold, until they come out with a new one
* OLA coordinating timing
* Meeting again in December to see what they want to test

1. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS 30**

* FOPL/OLA continue to share the services of Counsel Public Affairs
* Regional government review-off the table, probably until another election
* Municipal downloading-unclear on what’s happening, economic  
  statement showed some restoration of social services money
* Seems lack of interest in FN file
* Keeping our eye on Bill 108/132
* Not doing Library Day at Queen’s Park, doing targeted meetings

1. **WORKING GROUPS 25**

* Stephen updated the board on the current activities of the 5 working   
  groups to date
* Margie updated the group on the 2 initiatives around eBooks re: fair pricing/  
  Macmillan- gaining momentum

1. **OTF MINE PROJECT 5**

* Had launch meeting
* Stephen will start to bring reports to the board
* Partners all agreed after discussions and are in good shape
* Added new partner in Kitchener/Waterloo- Employment Centre
* Another meeting scheduled in December
* 2 contract people have been hired for the research

1. **FOPL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES 30**

MOTION: that the FOPL Board adopt the amended goals for 2020 and tactics  
 for 2020-2022.

Moved by:

Elizabeth Glass, Toronto Public Library

Seconded by:

Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

/All in favour

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Note**: - The **January 15 2020** teleconference has been changed to **1:00 pm**

- Stephen Abram will create new openings on the FOPL board at our next meeting

**Adjournment: 1:52**

Moved by:

Anand Date, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

/All in favour