

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, June 5, 2020**

*11:00 am*

Attendees: Alicia Kilgour, Anand Date, Caroline Goulding, Elizabeth Glass, Feather Maracle, Fenton Jagdeo, Julia Merritt, Kathy Fisher, Margaret MacLean, Margie Singleton, Mary Chevreau, Nadine Williams, Paul Ainslie, Rebecca Hunt, Sabrina Saunders, Vickery Bowles, Wayne Greco

Regrets: Catherina Rouse, Christina Blazecka, Jennifer LaChapelle, Samara Cull, Kathleen Peters

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA

1. **Call to Order- 11:04 a.m.**
2. **Regrets-as noted**
3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

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

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.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION

Motion to Approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of June 5, 2020

Moved By: Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded By: Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Passed/

1. **Approval of Minutes of FOPL Board Meeting- March 27, 2020**

MOTION

Motion to Approve the minutes of the FOPL Board Meeting of March 27, 2020

Moved By: Paul Ainslie, Toronto Public Library

Seconded By Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

Passed/

1. **Approval of Chair’s Comments/Report**

* No item to receive

1. **Treasurer’s Update**

MOTION

That the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2020 be received

Moved By: Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded By: Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

Passed/

1. **Executive Director’s Report**

MOTION

To approve the Executive Director’s report

* PLOG will be released early, Minister needs to sign off
* FOPL/OLA letter sent to Marathon Town Council, who were one of the ones who laid off CEO’s unlawfully, closed library and took away budget. We had Ministry call them and point out that it is illegal
* Letter to Steve Clark and Lisa McLeod asking them to be aware that the pressure on municipal budgets is extreme and that it is affecting libraries and to keep us on their radar to assure that municipal funding is working better
* Will be seeing an announcement from feds to drop down money to all the provinces also directed funding going to municipalities to deal with disaster of municipal funding cash flow/cash loss issues
* Announced broadband funding for municipalities from Ontario-libraries not eligible
* We have a member communication in for approval with the ministry of Infrastructure to say that thinking is going on for broadband
* Broadband funding is moving up-pressure from school boards. It is a separate funding program to deal with straight connectivity not operating costs
* Trying to get funding for every library in Ontario-branch level issue not system level
* Anti-poverty submission and the role of libraries was submitted
* Bill 108 –expect regs to come out in July/Aug. Likely to be proclaimed and signed
* Service Ontario-working on the new model, expect to see a new model in a year and see how they are going to support service Ontario across Ontario-libraries can take on some of it
* Sending out economic impact of COVID survey-libraries are a contributor to post-COVID strategies
* Ministry awards-reimagining the awards this year
* Minister wants to celebrate how libraries dealt well with this crisis
* Stephen asked them to come out with a communication so that if they decide to put the awards on hiatus we can tell our members
* Ontario Public Library Week-need to re-imagine it- needs to be more virtual-in discussion
* SOLS/OLS-N completed their merger plans, with one agency headquartered in Sudbury

Moved By: Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded By: Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Passed/

1. **Government News**

* Stephen highlighted to the board the main envelopes that we are currently working on

1. **2020 FOPL Board Meeting Schedule**

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* ·         Fri. Sept. 25 10 am - 2 pm
* ·         Fri. Nov. 27 10 am - 2 pm
* ·         Wed. Jan. 13, 2021 Noon. Board teleconference on 2020 FS Audit and final 2021 budget

**Statement of Solidarity**

* Stephen to incorporate changes for release to public

MOTION

Motion to Accept The Statement of Solidarity “In Principal”

Moved By: Feather Maracle, Six Nations Public Library

Seconded By: Paul Ainslie, Toronto Public Library

Passed/

**Adjournment: 12:22**

*Moved By: Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries*