

MIDDLESEX LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

To be approved.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 10:30 AM
Virtual Meeting

Members Present Jim Maudsley
 Warden Ropp
 Councillor McMillan
 Marigay Wilkins
 Ruth Adams
 Brad Richards

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Maudsley called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

L. Brock, Director of Library Services read the Land Acknowledgment as follows:

We acknowledge that the land we stand upon today is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run), Anishinabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-beg), Haudenosaunee (Hoden-oh-show-nee), and Lunaapeewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) peoples who have long standing relationships to the land, water and region of Southwestern Ontario. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area: Treaty 2 (McKee Purchase), Treaty 3 (Between the Lakes Purchase), Treaty 6 (London Township Purchase), Treaty 21 (Long Woods Purchase) and Treaty 29 (Huron Tract Purchase). We value the significant contributions, both in the past and the present of local and regional first nations of Turtle Island.

We acknowledge historic and ongoing injustices that indigenous peoples endure in Canada and we affirm our commitment to honouring indigenous voices, nations and cultures, and to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

2. **PROVISION FOR DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

3. MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Library Board

Moved by Brad Richards

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Library Board be approved as presented.

Carried

4. VISIONING TOPIC

4.a Middlesex County Library Strategic Plan – Engagement Summary Report

Presentation by Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO

Moved by Marigay Wilkins

Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the Middlesex County Library Strategic Plan – Engagement Summary Report be received for information.

Carried

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement – Region of Waterloo Library

Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO

Moved by Brad Richards

Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement - Region of Waterloo Library report be received for information;

AND THAT a by-law be forwarded at the March 25, 2025 Library Board meeting to:

1. Authorize and approve the Letter of Agreement with the Region of Waterloo Library; and
2. Authorize the Chair and CEO to execute the Letter of Agreement.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.a System Internet, 2025-2024
- 6.b System Circulation, 2025-2024
- 6.c Library Activity Report
Report from Lindsay Brock, Director of Library Services / CEO
- 6.d Lucan Library Broadens Community Engagement - Middlesex Banner, January 8, 2025
- 6.e A Shadow War on Libraries - CBC – February 7, 2025
- 6.f Whitehots – Tariff Update
- 6.g EarlyON Calendar – March
- 6.h Municipal Day 2025
- 6.i Toronto Star Article - Would-be censors say books corrupt our kids. It's so wrong - March 16 2025
Moved by Brad Richards
Seconded by Warden Ropp
THAT items 6.a to 6.i be received for information.
Carried

7. INQUIRIES

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.a Next Meetings
 - Tuesday, May 27, 2025
 - Tuesday, June 24, 2025
 - Tuesday, September 23, 2025

9. BY-LAWS

- 9.a #46 - A BY-LAW to Authorize a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with the Region of Waterloo Library
- 9.b #47 - A BY-LAW to Confirm the Proceedings of the March 25, 2025 Meeting of the Library Board

Moved by Marigay Wilkins
Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the by-laws be given a first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by Brad Richards
Seconded by Councillor McMillan

THAT the by-laws be given a third and final reading.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Marigay Wilkins
Seconded by Ruth Adams

THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:26am.

Carried

Marci Ivanic, County Clerk

Jim Maudsley, Chair