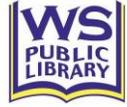


Library Board Meeting
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES



A special meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch Room.

Present: Lloyd Pinnock-Chair, Anand Daté-Vice-chair (7:17), Sandra Liaros, Karla McKinley, Deborah McNeely, Bill Slovitt; Cameron Rogers, Carolyn Nordheimer James.
Guest: Marc Pourvahidi, Acting CAO.
Regrets: Councillor Maurice Smith
Absent: Councillor Rob Hargrave

The Library Board meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lloyd Pinnock at 7:07 p.m.

1. LIBRARY EXPANSION:

The Acting CAO presented the rationale for a smaller expansion that included:

- Slower population growth – 18-24 months behind forecast.
- DC collection of \$10.1 million in 2007-2010; only \$4.4 million in 2011-2014.
- Fiscal Impact Study requires \$21 million in debentures to 2023.
- Town requires capital infrastructure (roads, etc.) as well as soft services (i.e. library).
- Slowdown of economy; people have no money for housing down payment.
- New Debt Management Policy limits borrowing to 12.5% of revenues instead of the 25% per Provincial policy.
- The timeframe estimated for the Library, if consensus agreed, is to submit the plans to Council in September/October, and then part of the 2016 Budget in January, with construction completed by end of 2017.
- The same team of architects/designer consultants will be used for the redesign

The Mayor arrived at the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

It was confirmed that the groups involved in the expansion project include the Library, Latcham Gallery, Leisure & Community Services, and the 55+ Club (plus other seniors in the community).

Status to date:

- The 55+ Club has voted to move to 6240 Main Street.
- The Gallery Board is opposed to moving to the Municipal Offices.

2. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

The Mayor agreed to arrange a meeting with all 5 groups to see what compromise solutions could be agreed upon that would meet the needs of all the groups. There was much discussion concerning the need for a minimum library size of 30,000 square feet.

The Acting CAO left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Board members discussed the vital need to partner with groups in the Town to foster a sense of community. The Mayor is committed to making some sort of expansion happen.

The Mayor left the meeting at 9:50 p.m. He requested an audience with the CEO at this time.

MOTION - #015-32

Moved by Bill Slovitt, seconded by Anand Daté:

THAT the following Board members be appointed to attend the expansion meeting:

- Sandra Liaros, Bill Slovitt, Deborah McNeely, Cameron Rogers,
Anand Daté (alternate).

CARRIED.

The CEO returned to the meeting at 10:15 p.m. and reported on the discussion with the Mayor to move ahead with the plan for a separate 2-storey library. The Mayor indicated his agreement and his idea to move the 55+ Club into the vacant library space in addition to the space at 6240 Main Street.

MOTION - #015-33

Moved by Bill Slovitt, seconded by Deborah McNeely:

THAT the Board's opinion article be delayed until after the meeting with all the partners.

CARRIED.

3. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 7, 2015:

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION - #015-34

Moved by Karla McKinley, seconded by Sandra Liaros:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

CARRIED.

Signed: _____

Date _____