

MINUTES  
ST. THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
February 8, 2023  
5:00 p.m. – Carnegie Room

**Mission of St. Thomas Public Library**  
***We Connect***

Present: Greg Grondin, Chair; Councillor Tara McCaulley; Councillor Rose Gibson; Geoff Rae; David Sharpe; Peter Bloch-Hansen; Shawn De Neire

Regrets: Deb Laverty, Vice-Chair; Larry Needham

Staff: Heather Robinson, CEO; Dana Vanzanten, Aaron DeVries; Nadine Poulos; Amelia Bainbridge

**Approval of the Agenda**

23-92 Moved by Tara McCaulley, seconded by Rose Gibson that the Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** – There was none declared.

**Minutes from January 18, 2023**

23-93 Moved by David Sharpe, seconded by Tara McCaulley that the Minutes be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None

**Management Team Reports**

**CEO Report – Received for Information**

Peter Bloch-Hansen volunteered to be our representative on the Ontario Library Service Library Board Assembly

Included for information was the Priority Initiatives Chart 2023 that was prepared for City Manager.

Greg Grondin led a discussion on the “10 Things You Need to Know as a New Library Board Member” article

Heather Robinson talked about the recommendations outlined in the Master Plan 2022-2025 in terms of operating and governance responsibilities.

**Library Services Report – Received for Information**

Aaron DeVries introduced himself to the Board.

Managers gave a statistical overview of 2022.

23-94 Moved by Tara McCaulley and seconded by David Sharpe that the hours of operation for December 27, 28 and 29 be reduced to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in 2023.

Dana Vanzanten made a presentation on Drag Storytimes and Inclusion in Libraries.

### **Reports – Standing Committees**

**Finance Committee – None**

**Personnel Committee – None**

**Public Relations and Outreach Committee – None**

**OLS Board Assembly Report – None**

**Federation of Ontario Public Libraries – None**

**Friends of the Library – None**

**Correspondence – None**

**Health and Safety – Report for Information**

**Other Business – None**

### **Motion for Adjournment**

23-95 Moved by Tara McCaulley, seconded by Shawn De Neire, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**Next Meeting – March 8, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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Chair

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Secretary