

Oakville Public Library Board

MINUTES

Date: September 5, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber

Board Members Present: Councillor Knoll, Chair

Andrew Cashman
Councillor Chisholm
Meredith Burke
Avis Maher
Rebecca Mayville
Celso Mello
Roderick Sawyer
Bill Smith

Staff Present: P. Damaso, Commissioner of Community Services
T. Wong, CEO of Oakville Public Library
C. Hicks, Director of Customer Experience
J. Moncada, Director of Innovation and Integration
J. Warren, Council and Committee Services

A special meeting of the Oakville Public Library Board was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 in the Council Chamber of the Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Road, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

1. Territory Acknowledgement

2. Regrets

There were no regrets for this meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting of the Board**4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, August 22, 2024**

This item has been moved to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

4.2 Confidential Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board

This item has been moved to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

5. Consent Item(s)

There were no consent items.

6. Confidential Consent Item(s)

There were no confidential consent items.

7. Discussion Item(s)**7.1 New Central Project**

The consultants for the New Central Project presented to the Board.

During a follow up discussion the Board noted the following to be considered as this project moves forward:

- The new branch should have something related to the Indigenous history in Oakville. There should also be a territory acknowledgment in the entrance. This is a priority for the Board.
- A view of the river would make the space inviting to users and visitors.
- There should be a form of history component respecting the old post office.
- The design should incorporate some modernism while acknowledging the history of the building, as well the design should be classic and suitable for many years ahead.
- The Board would like the project managers to enquire about the history of the building, the space should include a nod to the various historical components of the building.
- Consideration should be taken into making this a space with three floors, as well as consideration of a children's floor.

- It was noted there would be 57 underground municipal spaces, the Board suggested an increase. There will be charging spaces for electric vehicles.
- The following buildings were noted for the design team to review due to their admired architecture and design:
 - London library
 - Halifax library
 - Kitchener library
 - Globe and Mail building
- The library should have shelves on wheels that can be moved for events.
- The space should allow for community partnerships and include community rooms, possible community kitchen.
- The Board would like to ensure there is easy access to public transit.
- Storage space is a priority in the design.
- The building should accommodate for growth and be sustainable.

Moved by Rebecca Mayville

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

8. Confidential Discussion Item(s)

There were no confidential discussion items.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Oakville Municipal Building
Council Chamber - 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Andrew Cashman
Seconded by Rebecca Mayville

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.