

Midland Public Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 19 January, 2017 @ 7:00pm
Location: Midland Public Library – 3rd Floor Boardroom

Present T. Sheridan (Chair), B. Kettle, M. Pearce, B. Desroches, L. Roy, C. Oschefski, P. Pantling, B. Gorski
Remote K. Stief
Staff C. Budgell, CEO

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, T. Sheridan at 7:00pm

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations.

3. Cody Oschefski - Welcome

T. Sheridan welcomed C. Oschefski to the Midland Public Library Board.

4. Amanda R. Kelly - Welcome

T. Sheridan welcomed Amanda to the Library staff. Amanda introduced herself and explained the experience she is bringing to her new role as Community Programs Supervisor. Amanda then presented a summary of Makerspaces for the Board, including history, examples of other innovative Makerspaces and insight to where MPL can go with our own future makerspace.

The Board was very excited about the future of the Makerspace and utilizing partnerships, mentors and volunteers. T. Sheridan noted that if any Board members have old tech devices that they are not using that they could be donated to the Library and utilized in our new Makers & Breakers program series.

5. Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2016 MPL Board Meeting

Moved by: B. Gorski
Seconded by: K. Stief
Carried

6. Closed Session

Motion to move into closed session

Moved by: M. Pearce
Seconded by: B. Desroches
Carried

Motion to move into open session

Moved by: C. Oschefski
Seconded by: L. Roy
Carried

7. CEO Report

Discussion:

C. Oschefski asked if the Library had contacted Action Play Centre to inquire about some sort of future partnership, especially in relation to the Superhero Training Day and the new Tween Space. C. Budgell will ensure that one of the programming staff reach out to them. C. Oschefski also inquired about whether the Library has any connection with The Boys & Girls Club. C. Budgell mentioned that we have started to chat with them and do some programs with them. They will be invited to the official launch party date for the new Tween Space, which has been named "*The Back Corner*". This will be on Thursday, February 23rd at 4:30pm. This launch party is to officially open the space to the community and to celebrate the contribution from the Friends in the creation of this new community space.

C. Budgell informed the Board that that Library has applied for grants that will allow for 2-3 full time, fully paid, Summer Student positions that would assist with programming for all ages.

T. Sheridan informed the Board that C. Budgell would be doing a deputation aboutto Tiny Council on March 2nd which will include the MPL Strategic Plan and its new direction in terms of additional library services

C. Budgell discussed the issues that the Library was experiencing in relation to drug use, sale of drugs, related garbage being left on the Library property, and other illegal activities that were occurring especially on the front lawn and area under the trees. She also advised the Board that it was pointed out by a contractor that the roots of the trees had potential to cause severe issues with the foundation of the building. With these issues in mind, it was suggested that the two large trees be removed.

Motion to request the support of Mayor & Council to have the two large trees in front of the Library removed.

Moved by: B. Gorski
Seconded by: P. Pantling
Carried

8. Report of Board Committees

8.1 Fundraising Committee –

T. Sheridan discussed previous meetings with National Bank and TD Bank in regards to support for the Gala event. We will be following up with them now that the official sponsorship guides have been created. Each Board member was provided with a Sponsorship Guide and encouraged to help secure support for the event as well as to purchase tickets and encourage those they know to attend as well.

C. Budgell mentioned that Books2Eat will return this year on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017. It was decided that more tickets will be made available and there is potential to increase the number of vendors and the amount of space within the Library that is utilized for the event. The Library will be closed to the public on this day.

8.2 Finance Committee

K. Stief discussed the Finance Committee reports. There were no questions about the reports.

Motion to approve the November 2016 Financial Statement

Moved by: K. Steif
Seconded by: B. Desroches
Carried

December 2016 financial statement approval has been deferred to the February 2017 meeting after the Finance Committee has had a chance to review the final 2016 financials once received by the Town of Midland.

K. Stief discussed the proposed 2017 Capital Budget and the associated adjustment that would be required to the proposed 2016 Budget. Since the Library facility hasn't had a detailed audit and maintenance plan prepared it was proposed to have this done before tackling many of the building issues, with the exception of the snow canopy and the proposed repairs to the leaking roof. Addressing these issues would have a projected cost of \$90,000, which would be borrowed from the Library's DC reserves and repaid out of the operating budget over the next 4 years. This would result in an increase to the operating budget of \$25,000 to cover the loan repayment.

Motion to approve the Capital Budget Plan for 2017 and the DC reserve loan of \$90,000 DC reserves to be repaid from the operating budget.

Moved by: K. Stief
Seconded by: L. Roy
Carried

Motion to approve the Revised Draft 2017 Operating Budget

Moved by: K. Stief
Seconded by: M. Pearce
Carried

9. New Business

No new business

10. Next Meeting

Date: February 16th, 2017

Time: 7:00pm

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm

Moved by: C. Oschefski


Seconded by: Kettle

Carried

Signed:



T. Sheridan, Chair



C. Budgell, Recording Secretary

Date:

Feb. 16/17