



## **Regional Municipality of Waterloo**

### **Library Committee**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

2:16 p.m.

Room 218

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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Present were: Chair T. Cowan, L. Armstrong, R. Deutschmann and R. Kelterborn

Also present: K. Bernstein, L. Bish, and K. Seredynska

#### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under “The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”**

None declared.

#### **Reports**

a) P-LIB-14-004, Collection of Outstanding Accounts

Lucille Bish, Director, Community Services, introduced the report. She noted that no specific negative reactions have been received from the public. She stated that financially, this initiative will result in no loss to the library budget and that there is potential gain.

Kelly Bernstein, Manager, Information Services, stated that the trial period has been a positive experience and that staff recommend continuing with this initiative.

Moved by R. Deutschmann

Seconded by R. Kelterborn

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the ongoing use of the services of Unique Management Services (UMS) to act as Material Recovery Agent for the Region of Waterloo Library (RWL), which includes authorizing UMS to proceed with any steps  
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necessary for collection of the accounts, and granting UMS permission to report all unpaid accounts to national credit reporting agencies, as described in Report P-LIB-14-004, dated August 12, 2014.

Carried

### **Information/Correspondence**

a) Memo: Region of Waterloo Library Operations Update: April – June 2014

K. Bernstein and Katherine Seredynska, Manager, Public Services, provided verbal updates. Highlights included achieving the milestone one millionth checked-out item from DownLoad Library and the Eureka children's reading program.

L. Bish added that staff are working with the Region's Facilities division to develop clear guidelines and agreements outlining the division of responsibilities for the maintenance of library branch facilities.

K. Seredynska responded to a Committee inquiry about providing preparatory literacy skills for children entering junior kindergarten.

Received for information.

b) Memo: Region of Waterloo Library Financial Report: January – April, 2014

L. Bish responded to a Committee question about staffing gaps.

Received for information

c) Letter: Ottawa Public Library Re: e-Book Advocacy Campaign

L. Bish summarized the issues surrounding the cost and availability of e-books and the recommendation that the Region of Waterloo Library support the advocacy campaign. Upon Council's approval, staff will prepare a letter for the Library Chair's signature.

Moved by L. Armstrong

Seconded by R. Deutschmann

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo request the Ontario Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, the Canadian Minister of Heritage, and the Competition Bureau of Canada to investigate the restrictive practices employed by publishers that are limiting access to eBooks and eMagazines through public libraries, including the Region of Waterloo Library.

Carried

**Next Meeting – November 4, 2014**

**Adjourn**

Moved by R. Deutschmann

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the meeting adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Carried

**Committee Chair, T. Cowan**

**Committee Clerk, S. Natolochny**