Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Library Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2014
12:25 p.m.
Room 217
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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-14-005, Region of Waterloo Library Highlights, 2011-2014

Chair T. Cowan congratulated staff on the new library in New Dundee. He remarked that it is a great building that should serve as a community builder for the future. Lucille Bish, Director, Community Services, introduced the report and stated that the past four years, including the service review and expansion of library hours, have been very productive. She thanked the Committee members for their support.

R. Kelterborn noted that improved collections on delinquent books has been very successful. Chair T. Cowan thanked staff for all of their work and the service improvements at the individual branches.

Received for information.
Information/Correspondence


L. Bish noted that the budget is on track and a surplus is forecasted. She explained that this is largely due to new staff and corresponding lower salaries.

Moved by R. Deutschmann
Seconded by R. Kelterborn


Carried

b) Correspondence from Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) Re: Membership

L. Bish explained that this is an annual invitation. The Committee has regularly responded that the work of the FOPL is appreciated but that the fee structure is cost prohibitive for the Regional libraries. L. Bish noted that she had been in contact with a member of the FOPL board who suggested that they would be open to a separate fee proposal. L. Bish will continue discussions with FOPL.

Received for information.

Other Business

The Committee thanked Chair T. Cowan for serving as the Committee Chair over the past four years.

Next Meeting

To be announced.

Adjourn

Moved by L. Armstrong
Seconded by R. Kelterborn

That the meeting adjourn at 12:38 p.m.

Carried
Committee Chair, T. Cowan

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher