

Bracebridge Public Library Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: A. Freer (Chair), T. Henderson, B. Hutchinson, C.A. Robinson, P. Schofield (via Skype), C. Wilson and C. Rodney (CEO)

Regrets: T. Barker, L. Jacob, M. Mayes-Stewart

1. Call to Order by the Chair:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. A. Freer acknowledged and welcomed guests Councillor Don Smith; Director of Recreation, Cindy O'Regan and CAO John Sisson.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: To accept the agenda for October 2, 2017

Moved by: C.A. Robinson, seconded by T. Henderson. CARRIED

3. Bracebridge Public Library Accommodation Planning Study by Sierra Planning and Management presented to General Committee on August 22, 2017:

Motion: That the Bracebridge Public Library Board confirm with the Town of Bracebridge as follows:

1. That the Bracebridge Public Library Board concurs with the recommendations contained in the Bracebridge Public Library Accommodations Planning Study completed by Sierra Planning and Management, as endorsed by Town Council.
2. That the Library Board wishes to remain actively engaged in all phases of future planning related to the development of a new Library facility.
3. That the Library Board encourages the Town of Bracebridge to begin active planning for the adaptive re-use of the current Carnegie Library Building.
4. That the Library Board appreciates the long-standing efforts of staff and Town Council on behalf of the Bracebridge Public Library.

Discussion: On September 20, 2017, Bracebridge Council ratified Motion 17-GC-209 to concur with the recommendation of the Bracebridge Public Library Accommodation Planning Study by Sierra Planning and Management to co-locate the library with the future arena. The motion included a request to the Library Board to also concur with the recommendation. Each Board member had an opportunity to express their response to the motion. A majority of Board members stated their support for the co-location, citing the difficulty with building in the current confined space, the parking problem we would face at the current location and the uncertainty over when the library would get built at the current location. One Board member expressed concern with the Library leaving the downtown location and the timing of the co-location decision, prior to a strategic plan review for the Town of Bracebridge. Another Board member responded that it is not the Board's mandate to solve other problems beyond what is best for the library service in this community. Upon confirmation of no further questions, the motion was put to the Library Board.

Moved by: T. Henderson, seconded by C. Wilson. CARRIED

4. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 7 pm

5. Adjournment declared: 7:10 pm