

**TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE PUBLIQUE  
DU CANTON DE RUSSELL**

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**Minutes of the October 19, 2023 regular meeting  
In person, Gaston R. Patenaude Meeting Room**

Attending: Laurie Clement      Mélanie Lalonde      Lisa Deacon  
Dominique Bertrand      Phil Gurski  
Eric Greer

Regrets: Jacques Héroux

Staff: France Séguin-Couture, CEO

Guest: Kalonji Mukendi, journalist

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**23.10.1 Roll call**

The Board Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.

**23.10.2 Vice-Chair's opening remarks  
Pecuniary conflict of interest statement  
Approval of agenda**

Vice-Chair Dominique Bertrand welcomed Board members and the guest to the meeting.

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

***Motion 23.10.02***

That the agenda be approved as presented.

*Moved by Eric Greer. Seconded by Mélanie Lalonde. Carried.*

Phil Gurski read out loud the text on unceded lands.

**PRESENTATION**

**23.10.3 Kalonji Mukendi, journalist**

Kalonji Mukendi presented the YouTube platform of the new community General Interest Radio / Radio Intérêt Général which will cover Prescott-Russell content in English and in French. The IOS/Android application will be available on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**23.10.4 Board member report**

There was no Board member report.

## **APPROVAL (CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **23.10.5 Approval (consent agenda)**

Lisa Deacon pulled the minutes from the consent agenda in order to amend the text of motion 23.09.03.001.

#### ***Motion 23.10.05***

That the text of motion 23.09.03.001 be amended as proposed.  
*Moved by Lisa Deacon. Seconded by Eric Greer. Carried.*

#### ***Motion 23.10.05.001***

That the consent agenda be approved as amended.  
*Moved by Mélanie Lalonde. Seconded by Phil Gurski. Carried.*

### **23.10.6 Budget 2024**

France Séguin-Couture, CEO, reviewed the 2024 operational budget and the 2024 capital budget with Board members and answered their questions.

#### ***Motion 23.10.07***

That the first draft of the Library 2024 budget be accepted with requested changes.  
*Moved by Lisa Deacon. Seconded by Eric Greer. Carried.*

### **23.10.7 Library Board Constitution**

A governance subcommittee comprising three members (Lisa Deacon, Laurie Clement and Eric Greer) was created to review and clarify the Library Board Constitution. Four review meetings are scheduled in the next year.

### **23.10.8 Strategic discussion**

The Library Board is proud to present to the public the new Library strategic plan on **Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Russell Branch.**

Laurie Clement excused herself from the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

### **23.09.9 Trivia Night - Fundraising for the Embrun Branch**

On March 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., the Library will participate in a trivia night at the Russell arena to raise funds for the relocation of the Embrun Branch. Members are asked to find items for the silent auction. Details to follow.

**23.10.10 Embrun Branch**

Under section 4 of the 1990 *Public Libraries Act*:

*(4) A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is,*

*(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual;*

*(g) a matter in respect of which a board or committee of a board may hold a closed meeting under another Act. 2002, c. 17, Sched. C, s. 24 (5).*

***Motion 23.10.010***

That the discussion on the Embrun Branch be moved in camera at 8:50 p.m.  
*Moved by Mélanie Lalonde. Seconded by Eric Greer. Carried.*

***Motion 23.10.010.001***

That the discussion on the Embrun Branch be moved out of camera at 9:35 p.m.  
*Moved by Dominique Bertrand. Seconded by Mélanie Lalonde. Carried.*

An item concerning an identifiable individual or group was discussed, and the Board gave instructions to the Library administration.

**23.10.11 Comments on the meeting**

There were no comments on the meeting.

**23.10.12 Next regular meeting:**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

**In person, Gaston R. Patenaude Meeting Room, Town Hall**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Eric Greer, Chair

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France Séguin-Couture, Secretary