

Minutes of Special Board Meeting August 8, 2023

Adrian called the meeting to order at 939am.

Richard gave overview of spending Enhancement grants from Provincial Government:

The Provincial Government has provided additional funding to the province's libraries to support new initiatives. The funds must be used by December 31, 2025 and must be used for new initiatives. The funds cannot be used to offset normal funding sources.

The Library received \$118,368.16 in April 2023 and the use of these funds for 2023 and 2024 was factored into the 2024 Budget approved by the board at the special meeting June 26, 2023. Included for calendar 2023 was the hiring of a part-time First Nations staff member and an allocation of funds to perform a building accessibility audit. Subsequently the Library received an additional allocation of \$146,572.34 for a total of \$264,940.50.

The funds must be used in the period calendar 2023 – 25. The Finance Committee recommends that the funds be used for 2 important initiatives: First Nations Outreach and enhancing the Children's Section. To make most effective use of these funds the Finance Committee recommends to the Board that following expenditures be made in calendar 2023:

1. Hire a dedicated First Nations staff member for up to 40 hours per week Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023 (previously this position was authorized as part time) \$20,000.
2. Complete a Building Accessibility Audit (previously authorized) \$8,000.
3. Indigenous Programming (new) \$2,000.
4. Indigenous Area expansion (new) \$20,000.
5. Children's Area enhancements (new) \$25,000.

Total expenditures for 2023 \$75,000.

Richard moved that Karen and staff make additional purchases as per the distributed plan for 2023 enhancement spending up to \$75,000.

Garth 2nd

All in favour. Motion passed.

Further discussion: Anne asked that we report on progress at Board meetings. Andrea suggested we thank the government and our MLA, Adrian noted we thanked our MLA Adam Olsen after the first grant. Richard suggested we thank the Government and our MLA again when we have made some progress.

Anne motion to adjourn at 9:45am, Andrea 2nd.