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Coming up at 6 pm, it's this month's Guelph Public Library Board meeting. This is what's on the agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Guelph Public Library Board for October 30, 2023

It's Devils Night, and this year the Devil's business seems to involve the monthly board of directors meeting of the Guelph Public Library. Nothing particularly evil, or diabolical, is ...

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Vice-Chair Williamson has called the meeting to order.

Agenda approved.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

This month's consent agenda is approved. No report pulled.

5 Consent Agenda (15 min) – Board Review

6:15 p.m. Motion

5.1 Adoption of September 2023 Minutes	
5.2 Correspondence	
5.3 CEO's Report	S. Kraft
5.4 Service Utilization Scorecard	D. Atkins
5.5 Service Capacity Scorecard	D. Atkins
5.6 Operating Variance	D. Atkins
5.7 OLA & FOPL Advocacy Priorities	
5.8 Operational Policy Review Updates	M. Campbell
5.9 New Central Library - Milestones Update	R. Chatha
5.10 Baker District Project Update	I. Scott
5.11 New Central Library - Fundraising Campaign Update	K. Bester
5.12 Public Library Operating Grant (PLOG)	E. Tyschenko

Next, the debrief from the board retreat. Williamson says the people from the community they had in were fantastic and provided valuable insight to the board. The focus of the retreat was on the provision of library services.

Williamson says in the morning they heard from people representing groups that serve some of the same people the library does, and how they can continue to serve those people when they move to a "bright and shiny" new building.

Ontario Library Service rep talking about strategic planning in the afternoon. Williamson said it was a valuable tool to have both those presentations back to back to consider the library's place in the community overall.

Williamson says that the work of the retreat will come in handy when the board begins their own strategic planning process in the near future.

Next, Advocacy Priorities. CEO Steve Kraft takes over, and says that this was in response to a question raised last month. There was a request to look at if there's way to get additional financial support for the ONGov in the former of a letter.

Kraft says that he's talked with reps from various organisations, and there's currently an effort underway to get more funding for digital library tools. Advocacy for more operating funds will come later, but the short term goal concerns the digital library.

Motion to receive the report for info passes unanimously.

Next, 10-Year Budget Amendment with Deputy CEO Atkins. Since Sept meeting there have been more discussion about new library, and with opening date of new library set for Q3 of 2026, City staff suggested putting off the purchase of new collections till 2025.

Atkins is asked if there's a levy impact. He says no because it's a capital purchase. What about impact from inflation? Atkins says they're not expecting any.

Williamson asks if they delay it a year, then it won't have impact on the opening. Atkins says no.

Goller/Ly move the motion to delay the purchase to 2025, and it's passed.

Williamson says it's incumbent on the board to find ways to work with the City since the main library is a very "cash intensive" project. Anyway that they can keep good relations with City staff is a good move.

Next, the board is going into closed session for a matter pertaining to section (d) labour relations or employee negotiations, as well as (b) meaning personal matters about an identifiable individual, under Section 16.1(4) of the Public Libraries Act.



And it looks like we're back.

Williamson says that they received a report of library as a safe space and a board self-evaluation.

New business? Member Ly has to move on from serving as the liaison between the board and the Friends of Guelph Public Library. Williamson says he doesn't want to put anyone on the spot, so perhaps the exec could take that away.

Nothing further, so that's the end of this meeting!



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