



The Nation Municipality Public Library Board

Minutes

Regular meeting
Thursday March 9, 2023 at 7 PM
Municipal Offices

Attendance: France Lamoureux, Chairperson
Suzanne Leblanc, Member
Chantal Normand, Member
Pierrette Lavergne, Member
Yvon Quesnel, Member
Nathalie Gendron, Member
Danik Forgues, Municipal Councillor
Jeanne Leroux, Chief Executive Officer

Call to Order

The president called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. Additions to Agenda

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Proposed by: Chantal Normand
Seconded by : Suzanne Leblanc

4. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts.

5. Approval of minutes of February 9, 2023

Proposed by: Pierrette Lavergne

Seconded by : Yvon Quesnel

6. Questions related to minutes of February 9, 2023

Limoges Street Libraries: Yvon will have all six (6) Street Libraries ready prior to March 26th. France contacted Public Works and we will work with Hugo Pouliot to facilitate installation. Location for each installation needs to be determined and discussed with Hugo. An evaluation of the location in terms of environmental set up will be done. If issues arise he will contact us so the issues can be resolved prior to installation.

7. Business arising from previous meetings:

None

8. Report of C.E.O.

Highlights and accomplishments

Meetings of Note

Workshop and conferences

(See attached report)

9. Casselman Public Library :

A request was received by telephone on Tuesday February 21st, 2023 from the CEO of the Casselman Public Library. The question was a request to consider sharing costs for the completion of a strategic plan by a consultant firm. After discussion, members felt more information was needed therefore an invitation will be made to the CEO to attend a future meeting to provide more detailed information regarding their expectations of this project and to answer a variety of questions.

10. Correspondance

None

11. Next Meeting

To be determined.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 8:15

Proposed by: Yvon Quesnel

Seconded by: Pierrette Lavergne



The Nation Municipality Public Library
Chief Executive Officer Report
DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023
Highlights & Accomplishments

Connectivity update : The St Isidore Branch is finally approved for Fibe Internet installation which is funded by the Ontario Government. It was a challenge to get this branch approved but all three (3) branches will soon have the same connection. At the St Isidore Branch, we need to determine now if we will go with two (2) lines of 25 mbps or with one bonded line to meet the 50/10 mbps criteria with is required to qualify. Installation should be done in the next few months.

3D Printer : We are continuing to discover how the printers fonction. To mark Valentine's Day and to demonstrate what the 3D printer does, we have added hearts to the Valentin bags that we will be giving to children.

Child and Family Center: In partnership with the Child and Family Centre, we will start Storytime at the St Isidore Branch only for the moment on Mondays starting February 6, 2023 from 10am to 11am. The Centre already has an outdoor play group from 10am to 11am so it will be followed by Storytime. We will evaluate these sessions during February before reintroducing our Arts and Crafts sessions for Easter provided these sessions go well.

Valentine's Arts and Crafts : The Arts and Crafts activity for Valentine's will consist of bags that will be given to children on February 13 and 14, 2023. There will be different craft material and a few small surprises in the bags.

Budget 2023 : The 2023 budget was presented to Municipal Council on January 16, 2023. The budget is currently in final revision and may be approved at the February 13th meeting.

2023 Summer Program : We have started to plan for the summer activities. The TD website is now available as well as the list of recommended material.

<https://www.clubdelecturetd.ca/personnel/accueil>

We are currently checking what we already have in our branch collections in French and English. New recommended material will be purchased in April and May 2023 to support the program. Alexandra will be presenting the program at the three (3) branches, which requires more planning and organizing. The theme for 2023 in English is “Cabinet of Curiosity” and in French is “Cabinet des curiosités”.

Future Projects for 2023 : We will be reintroducing our displays from local artists in the coming months at the St Albert and the St Isidore branches. We would like to add to mediums we expose, an exhibition of quilts made by local residents. It can be quilts with historical significance or recent creations. These could be simply exposed or could be for sale as the participant requests.

Since it is the 15th Anniversary of St Albert in 2024, this would be a way the St Albert Branch could participate in the celebration. There is certainly past and present residents that have in trucks some quilt creations from their ancestors, quilts that were created with ‘immense work’ in difficult conditions. Recent quilts are also welcome. We invite you to spread the word that we are anticipating doing this and invite any interested parties to contact the CEO for more details in 2023. The planning process for this project needs to start in 2023 in anticipation of 2024.



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6 Supports pour courtepointe disponible

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6 Supports for quilts available

Limoges Branch : Following the presentation of the budget, at the suggestion of the mayor, the Municipal Clerk is attempting to organise an in person meeting on site with the representative from the School Board and the School Principal in the library. We need to discuss a variety of problems with have occurred since September 2022 since the introduction of a regular grade 5 class in the room adjacent to the library. The fact that the door between the library and the classroom where the fire door is located is locked after school hours needs to be addressed. This is the exit to the fire door in case of an emergency that blocks the main door. We need a permanent solution to this problem before we have a situation that develops.

St Albert Branch : Following a donation of a variety of furniture in 2023, we are presently reorganizing the branch with regards to tables. Smaller work tables received allow for more space in the branch.

St Isidore Branch : On Wednesday December 28th, 2022 while the branch was closed for the holiday period, we had a carbon monoxide incident. Luckily it was discovered when a staff member stopped in to empty the return box and drop of the mail. 911 were called. It seems there were two (2) issues. First the regulator on the propane tanks was defective due to large ice and snow falling on the connections. The regulator tells Propane Levac that the tanks need to be filled. Secondly one of the burners on the furnace was not operating. The firefighters removed the smell from the branch. Propane Levac came and filled the tanks, Fernand Denis technician came and restarted the furnace. Following this process, we will be installing a carbon monoxide detector linked to the alarm system to avoid any further incidents of this kind. We will also be installing a small roof over the tanks so the ice and snow falling from the roof does not damage and disable the regulators. This will be done in the coming months once the weather permits.