



The Nation Municipality Public Library Board

Minutes

Regular meeting
Thursday October 19, 2023 at 7 PM
St Isidore Branch

Attendance: France Lamoureux, Chairperson
Pierrette Lavergne, Member
Yvon Quesnel, Member
Nathalie Gendron, Member
Jeanne Leroux, Chief Executive Officer

Absences motivées /Regrets : Danik Forgues, Municipal Councillor
Suzanne Leblanc, Member
Chantal Normand, Member

<p>1. Call to Order The president called the meeting to order at 7 pm.</p>
<p>2. Additions to Agenda None</p>
<p>3. Approval of Agenda <i>Proposed by: Yvon Quesnel</i> <i>Seconded by: Pierrette Lavergne</i></p>
<p>4. Conflicts of Interest There were no conflicts.</p>
<p>5. Approval of minutes of September 21, 2023 <i>Proposed by: Nathalie Gendron</i> <i>Seconded by : Pierrette Lavergne</i></p>

6. Questions related to minutes of September 21, 2023

None

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. Financial Report:

That the financial report dated September 30, 2023 be adopted as is.

Proposed by: Yvon Quesnel

Seconded by: Pierrette Lavergne

10. Discussion

a) Strategic Plan: Everyone had a chance to review the French and the English Strategic Plan for 2024-2027. No other changes were suggested.

Motion B-2023-002: That the proposed Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 be adopted as is.

10. Correspondance

None

11. Next Meeting

Details to come

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 8:15

Proposed by: Nathalie Gendron

Seconded by: Pierrette Lavergne



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Chief Executive Officer Report

2023 September

Highlights & Accomplishments

Budget 2024: The presentations of the budget 2024 to Municipal Council were done on Monday 16 October and Tuesday 17 October 2023.

Prescott Russell Public Libraries Meeting: We attended the first in person meeting of the Prescott Russell Public Libraries on Thursday October 5th, 2023 in Embrun. The consultant Alexandra Taylor of 'Ontario Library Service' was present to update us all on changes and answer our questions. In the coming months, we will undergo a major change after 15 years of one system, we will be migrating to a new system for Interlibrary Loan.

Summer program: Following the verbal reports at the meeting mentioned above with other local libraries our summer program was a success with regards to enrolment numbers.

Annual Survey of Public Libraries Library: Finally the Ontario Government sent out the information required so we can complete the second part of our application for our operational grant. With this delay, it is not clear if the grant funds will be received in 2023 or will be delayed to 2024.

Human Resources: We received applications for the clerk job posted but unfortunately no one has experience that was related to office work or client service.

COVID : We had an incident at the Limoges Branch on Wednesday September 27, 2023. A client arrived in pyjamas and slippers and announced that she had COVID. She returned some books that we put in quarantine. She borrowed some books. Following this incident, we have posted notices everywhere indicating that if you have symptoms, please delay your visit or request curbside service. The Health Unit was consulted prior to posting the sign.

St Isidore Branch: Our sessions that are taking place by the « Embrun Family Centre” every Thursday from 10 to 11 ‘Learn through play at the library’ is working extremely well. The number of participants is increasing every week. Bravo!!!!

Limoges Branch: We have worked to restart class visits to the library. With a record 398 student, we are working on a schedule to be able to welcome that many students on a three (3) week rotation basis. Since there is still some books outstanding from June, we are resolving these issues by the return of the books or the reimbursement of the cost of the book(s) by the parents. We would like to note the exceptional work by Linda Girard, Principal and Mylène Pommerville, vice principal for their work, their flexibility and their positive attitude in their new job. It was a positive experience for us and we do appreciate it.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NATION PUBLIC LIBRARY 2024-2027



The Nation Public Library is happy to present our new strategic plan that we hope will help guide the Library Board and the library staff for the next four years. The three branches of The Nation Public Library are a privileged community gathering place. The clients can come, read, borrow documents, participate in various programs, use the Wi-Fi and the public computers and have access to the Internet. They are safe and welcoming centres for children, adolescents, adults and seniors.

OUR MISSION

Learn, discover, be informed, have fun and provide a safe environment, while promoting a love of reading and lifelong learning through diverse activities and programs.

OUR VISION

The Library is present to enrich and discover our community

OUR VALUES

The Nation Public Library supports the following values to ensure equitable public library service:

Share and Discover: We believe in effective partnerships with the community

Literacy and Lifelong Learning: We believe in the importance of a well-informed and literate community

Creativity and Innovation: We encourage and foster innovation and creativity in order to create a culture open to change.

Intellectual Freedom: We encourage the free exchange of expression and ideas

Enriching Local History: We strive to preserve, exhibit and share local culture

Strategic Objectives 2024-2027

- Create strong connections with the community
- Improve resources and quality service
- Inclusivity, lifelong learning and well-being.

Create strong connections with the community: The Library is a community cultural place/environment that encourages and fosters a lifelong love of reading. She is innovative and contributes to the growth of her community by promoting professional and personal development.

Goals:

- A) Provide a modern, comfortable, creative and welcoming environment where families and community members can participate in activities together.
- B) Establish in depth relationships with schools to support and stimulate student education through parallel activities
- C) Highlight local talent, culture and heritage through Library activities throughout the year
- D) Make the activities and services of the Library known to members of the community through social networks and the library and municipal website
- E) Partner with, create and maintain ties with community organizations and participate in public events.

Improve resources and quality service

Programs are offered to families and the community

Goals :

- A) Ensure we offer services that reflect the current needs of the community
- B) Offer services and resources in both official languages that are accessible to all users
- C) Present a wide range of cultural programs emphasizing the love of reading while having a social, technological and educational aspect for all age groups.
- D) Provide state-of-the-art programs and services

Inclusivity, lifelong learning and well-being:

The Library offers welcoming and accessible facilities, as well as resources and services that promote lifelong learning

Goals :

- A) Provide a comfortable space that cultivates a sense of belonging for Library users and staff
- B) Create opportunities for customers to experiment with new technologies.
- C) Encourage computer training for seniors and individual development as well as group learning