

**CITY OF AIRDRIE LIBRARY BOARD  
AUGUST 30, 2016**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City of Airdrie Library Board, held at the Vincent Room, City Hall, with the following:

**PRESENT:**

*Members*

*(Chair)* D. Nelles  
Councillor K. Hegg  
Councillor C. Kolson  
T. Desrosiers  
K. Jessen-White  
S. Sweet

*Absent with Regrets*

T. Daigle  
D. Fedun  
N. Russell

*Staff*

Library Director P. Medland  
K. Rushford

*Recording Secretary*

**Agenda Item 1**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Chair announced that M. Weger has tendered his resignation from the Board due to family and work commitments.

**Agenda Item 2**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**2016-L-031**

**MOTION: C. Kolson/K. Jessen-White**

**CARRIED**

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

**Agenda Item 3**

**FREE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIPS**

The Director presented a report on Free Memberships at the Airdrie Public Library. K. Jessen-White advised that Marigold has received \$90,000 from the Province for First Nations and Indigenous memberships, so those memberships will be free. It was suggested that free memberships be initiated once the new facility opens. In response to a question, T. Desrosiers advised that the Finance Committee would prefer a phased approach. It was recommended that a staged approach start with the elimination of membership fees for youth, students and seniors, and that administration review membership levels and circulation by membership type in one year. The Chair noted that this represents a strategic position and value statement for the Board. Councillor Hegg recommended that the Board have an open discussion with Council about the proposal.

There was a discussion on increasing fines for overdue items.

**2016-L-032**

**MOTION: S. Sweet/K. Jessen-White**

**CARRIED**

That the Airdrie Library Board move to adopt a strategic direction for the elimination of membership fees, starting with a staged introduction in Budget 2017.

**Agenda Item 4**

**BUDGET 2017**

The Director presented a Financial Summary of the 2017 Budget Highlights, Library Reserve Funds as of August 30, 2016 and 2017-2019 Capital Budget. There was discussion regarding personnel items and ways to cover decreased revenue due to phasing in free memberships.

**2016-L-033**

**MOTION: T. Desrosiers/S. Sweet**

**CARRIED**

That membership fees for youth, students and seniors be eliminated for 2017.

**Agenda Item 5**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vincent Room at Airdrie City Hall.

**Agenda Item 6**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Chairman



Recording Secretary