

# Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library

## Our Vision

Access to knowledge for all

## Our Mission

The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library is a dynamic organization that provides innovative programming and information, in a variety of formats, for the continuing well-being of our community.

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## Minutes of the Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting

January 17, 2024

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**Present were:** Vice - Chairperson: Ruth Fenwick  
Board Trustees: Bev Abbott  
Ryan Baptiste  
Patty Butler  
Tiffany Monk  
Joseph Vella

**Regrets:** Rod Blakelock, Kaiyla Hoffman, Penny Robb, Vicky Roeder-Martin  
**Also attending:** CEO: Nieves Guijarro

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**1 Call to order** With a quorum present CEO called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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**2 Approval of Meeting Agenda** **MOTION 370/24** IT WAS MOVED BY: B. Abbott  
AND SECONDED BY: T. Monk

That the virtual meeting agenda of the Board of Trustees of January 17, 2024 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Declaration of conflict of interest** No conflicts were declared

**4 Approval of consent Agenda** **MOTION 371/24** IT WAS MOVED BY: J. Vella  
AND SECONDED BY: R. Baptiste

That the consent agenda of the Board of Trustees virtual meeting of January 17, 2024 be approved as presented

- a) Resolution to accept the minutes of **November, 2023**
- b) Resolution to accept the CEO's Report of **December 2023**
- c) Armour Township Financial Statement **December 2023**

**CARRIED**

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**Councillor Baptiste to address the members of the board**

-Councillor Ryan Baptiste spoke of his interaction with a Councillor of Armour Township and wanted to provide information to members. Councillor Baptiste assured the members that his duties and responsibilities will not be affected by these events.

**5 Business arising from the minutes**

-Booknet Canada has shared insights into the library circulation of banned books. Member J. Vella suggested to keep track of banned books in our library. Freedom to Read Week will be celebrated next month and members had an opportunity to read Canada's position on banned books and how our library can protect and promote access to books.

-Nieves repeated the maintenance concerns that have not yet been addresses by the Village of Burk's Falls. Councillor Baptiste will take the concerns to his CAO.

**6 Committee Reports**

Building Committee

-Committee members will arrange a meeting with John Theriault, Armour Township's clerk to find out about the engineer's report on the proposed site for the library project.

-A proposal for a library service survey was introduced with a suggestion to include such survey with the next municipal tax bill correspondence.

Finance Committee

-Nieves has scheduled the transfers to reserve and bursary for May 2024.

-The 2024 library budget was revised and a motion presented

**MOTION 372/24**

IT WAS MOVED BY: J. Vella

AND SECONDED BY: B. Abbott

To approve the Revised 2024 Library Budget which reflects the current card holders from each municipality

**CARRIED**

-Ryerson Township supports the library project with a council resolution.

**7 Correspondence**

-Nieves received an update from Internet Archive on the battle to protect digital lending.

-International Dyslexia Association Canada continue their efforts to provide material and resources to libraries. A grant was offered to libraries in order to expand the collection and make it more inclusive.

-Friends of the Library had their first meeting of the year and are preparing a plan to collaborate with library staff to help bring programs and events in the community.

**8 New Business**

-The library received several donations from members of the community to help offset costs for youth programs

-The library in collaboration with four libraries and school libraries in Almaguin is planning to bring the Third Annual Joy of Reading Celebration. A free event that allows families to interact with and listen to Canadian authors.

-Nieves has applied to the provincial Connectivity Funding opportunity which will help with internet costs in 2024.

-The Provincial Operating Grant was delayed this year but was finally received in the first week of 2024

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- Nieves has applied to two student grants for 2024. Notices of successful applications will be released in April.
- The library has received an invitation to participate in the National Veterans' Week Speakers' Program again this year.
- Nieves completed the 2023 Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario Report
- The Income Tax Program received a grant to purchase equipment and necessary supplies to carry out the program.
- Nieves completed the AODA Compliance Report

**9 Adjournment**

**MOTION 373/24** by R. Baptiste at 8:15 pm to adjourn.

**CARRIED**

*Ruth Fenwick*

March 20, 2024

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Board Chairperson

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Date