

Present Josie Scott
Bill Skinner
Elizabeth Stewart
Lisa McGee
Karen DeLuca, Chief Librarian
Carolyn Swayze, Youth Services Librarian

Regrets Neil Salminen

1. Interim Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
2. **Motion 2021-01-01 Moved by Elizabeth Stewart, seconded by Bill Skinner the Agenda be amended to include discussion on rules of procedure**
3. No conflicts of interest declared
4. **Rules of Procedure** – Discussion on consensus communication and the role of the chair to speak on behalf of the Board as a whole. The letter to the editor as submitted in early January has yet to be printed, but appeared online January 12.
5. **Service Contract Update** – The Board resolution, new analytics and a covering letter were sent to M/B Township offices on December 30. The resolution, as posted on the library’s website, was the focus of an online article (Inside Ottawa Valley i.e. Arnprior Chronicle). The public response to the resolution led to the creation of a Board FAQ page on the website to help provide background and clarity to the situation. This page includes links to pertinent documents including the current service agreement, correspondence, revised budgets and data. The links are presented in a chronological order.
Discussion on next steps included: The Chair and CEO reach out to Mayor Peckett for exploratory discussion on moving forward.
BUDGET: The Town of Arnprior will begin budget deliberations on February 1 and 2, 2021. The library’s 1.5% “ask” is based on the estimated cost of living increase. The 2020 Town of Arnprior grant of \$287,134 does not include the population re-adjustment for 2020.
The CEO to provide some further background information to be reviewed at the next meeting.
6. No other business
7. Next meeting: January 20, 2021
8. Adjournment: **Motion 2021-01-02 Moved by Lisa McGee, seconded by Bill Skinner that the meeting be adjourned at 7:37pm – carried.**