



**LINCOLN
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Minutes
**Special Meeting of the Lincoln Public Library
Board
Thursday, October 1st, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Lincoln Public Library, Vineland, Ontario**

Mission Statement

The Lincoln Public Library is dedicated to offering a full range of programs, services and materials that advance the personal growth, life-long learning and recreational interests of its community.

Members Present: Jane Wright (Chair), Victoria Bucsis, Rob Foster, Joyce Harrison, John Kralt, Kelly Putter, Lynn Wisniewski

Regrets: Wayne MacMillan, Lisa Denick

Staff Present: Jill Nicholson (CEO), Cathy Simpson (DCEO, recorder)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

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Moved by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Wisniewski, that the agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. Ad Hoc Facilities Committee Report

J. Kralt explained the Town of Lincoln's (TOL) financial challenges in the upcoming 2010 budget year. A discussion of the TOL's 2010 budget shortfall and its effect on the Fleming Library facility plans followed. The board then examined a number of suggestions to temporarily relieve the Fleming Library's shortage of space including rental of store-front properties and partnerships with the TOL Community Services Department and other social services groups. The library would qualify for Trillium grants if a partnership with a social service group was established.

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Moved by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Wisniewski, that the Lincoln Public Library Board explore the possibility of annexing another location to house programs and partnerships with the Town of Lincoln's Community Services Department, the Lincoln Community Policing Committee and other appropriate groups.

CARRIED.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Matters for Board Decision

5.1 2010 Operating Budget

The Chair and CEO presented several operating budget scenarios. The board discussed the scenarios and the impact of the TOL's 2010 budget cut. In a time of increased demand for services (circulation up 7% over 2008 and 14% over the last 4 months) it was felt that neither a reduction in hours nor a freeze on collection growth was appropriate. In light of the 2010 budget restraints, the board decided to submit an operating budget with a small increase (2.3%) rather than the larger increase of the previous year (5.1%).

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Moved by L. Wisniewski, seconded by J. Harrison, that the 2010 operating budget of \$900,229 be submitted to the Town of Lincoln. **CARRIED.**

6. Adjournment

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Moved by V. Bucsis that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2009 at the Fleming Library.

Chair _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____