

# Minutes of Twp. of Madawaska Valley Public Library Board August 8, 2022 Board Meeting

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Present: Natalie Barrington, Mark Willmer, Wayne Banks  
Staff: Karen Filipkowski, CEO / Secretary Treasurer  
Regrets: Shawn Eagles, William Houle

1. Online meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Board Chair Natalie Barrington
2. Acknowledgement Statement
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest: None
4. Motion from Mark Willmer to accept the August 8, 2022 meeting agenda with amendments and the meeting minutes from the May 30, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Wayne Banks. Carried.
5. **Business arising from the minutes.**
  - a. **Policy:** No new policy
  - b. **Strategic Planning:**
6. **Correspondence: No Correspondence**
  - a. **Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL):** Municipal election updates. Accepted as information.
  - b. **Kaszuby Cottagers Association:** Donation letter
7. **Librarian's Report:**

Programs have been a challenge this year without a full time student but despite that we do have a good range of summer programs lined up. Our first Stories in the Park program went well last week despite the rain. The gazebo at Zurakowski Park accommodated everyone and kept the rain off. Four new student volunteers have just signed on to help with programs so that will help significantly.

There are two exciting author events lined up. Hannah Gutoskie, the Recreation & Community Development coordinator was successful in lining up Carley Fortune, author of Every Summer After. We will co-host an evening with Carley on July 23. This should be a packed audience as Ms. Fortune has lived in Barry's Bay and still has family here. On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Suzanne Evans, author of The Taste of Longing. The Taste of Longing won the Ottawa book award in 2020 and will be a fitting event in the lead up to Remembrance day.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> we participated in the Madawaska Valley Garden Tour to showcase our Native Learning Garden. In addition to being able to tour our small garden and identify the contents using the brochure and map that was developed in 2021 we had a photo display on hand showing the progress of the garden since 2013. Approximately 30 people attended.

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We received an amazing donation of cookbooks, current and in great shape. During the garden tour we set up our event tent to showcase and sell the cookbooks. There are still many books left but they should be snapped up quickly throughout the summer.

We have secured 24 hours of program time for the arena lounge and the Combermere Community Centre which will be a huge help with program space. Thanks very much to Hannah Gutoski who arranged this on our behalf.

I received in draft form the audited financial statements for 2021 in late June so was able to complete the Charitable Tax Return before the end of June when it is due.

	May 2022	April 2022
Computer Sessions	52	63
Personal Devices	18	15
Library Visits	483	425
# items checked out	990	961
Interlibrary Loans	55	65
EBooks & Audio EBooks Circulated	246	319

**Motion** from Wayne Banks to accept the Librarian’s Report. Seconded by Mark Willmer. Carried.

**8. Financial Report for :**

Opening Balance	\$37,803.97
Deposits	\$5,279.32
Expenses	\$20,626.76
Bank Balance	\$15,347.44
Outstanding	\$6,748.67
Book Balance	\$8,598.77
Growth Savings	\$92,145.04
	\$100,743.04

Motion from Mark Willmer to accept the May 2022 financial statement. Seconded by Wayne Banks. Carried.

**9. New Business:**

- a. **Connecting Public Libraries Initiative:** Madawaska Valley Public Library has received approval for this initiative, which will arrange and pay for the infrastructure to bring high-speed internet to the building and for a one-year service agreement with the internet provider.

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- b. **Letter of Congratulations to MPP:** Information
- c. **Audited Financial Statements:** Motion from Wayne Banks to approve the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2021 as provided by McKillican & Associates. Seconded by Mark Willmer. Carried

10. Recommendation that the meeting enter In-Camera Session to discuss matters pertaining to “the security of the property of the municipality or local board”, “personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees”, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board”, Ontario Municipal Act 2011, c.25, s.239 (2)(a)(b)(c).

Motion from Mark Willmer to enter into In-Camera session at 7:12pm. Seconded by Wayne Banks. Carried.

11. Motion from Mark Willmer to return to open meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Wayne Banks. Carried.
12. Motion from Wayne Banks to approve In-Camera recommendations. Seconded by Mark Willmer. Carried.
13. Next meeting dates: September 19, October 17 and November 21 at 6:30pm online.
14. Motion from Mark Willmer to adjourn at 7:45pm

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**Chair / Natalie Barrington**

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**Secretary / Karen Filipkowski**