

MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 12, 2009

LOCATION: Midland Public Library Boardroom

ITEM #	ISSUE	ACTION
6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees</p> <p>6.1 Finance Committee A. Campbell distributed the Library Financial Statement for the Two Months Ending February 28, 2009. 21.77% of the Operating Budget has been spent due to single annual payments that have already been paid. This should average out over the year. B. Molesworth informed the Board that he now has the 2008 year end financials. We returned an Operating surplus of \$12,532.00 and a deficit of \$148,000.00 in the Capital budget due to the start of construction.</p> <p>6.2 Fundraising Committee B. Molesworth reported that the Fundraiser, Freda Kemp, has been in a couple of times and has spoken with Board members and some members of the community in her efforts to identify potential donors and committee members to work with her. Through this process she has been given more names of people that might be willing to help. She has drafted an application to the Rural Economic Development Grant programme and is looking at 2 or 3 other grants that we might apply for. G.A. Walker commented that F. Kemp is going to want some help from the Board. B. Molesworth then read a letter to the Board dated March 6, 2009 regarding a private donor's earlier commitment to the expansion project. B. Molesworth has spoken with Town of Midland Mayor, James Downer and CAO, Ted Walker about this matter. They have asked him to try to set up a meeting in order to gain an understanding the donor's concerns. A discussion ensued regarding the chronology of events leading to this point. B. Molesworth will keep the Board informed.</p> <p>6.3 Building Committee – Meeting/Progress/Schedule B. Molesworth reported a lot of progress on the building site. He is in receipt of the 2nd progress report from the contractor but it doesn't include this week's work. The power supply to the building has been changed over to the new transformer. B. Molesworth suggested that there should probably be a Building Committee meeting about furniture and finishings and to look at the schedule for closing at the end of the year. He has already checked with the Mayor about the potential date and time of Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 2:15 p.m. The Board members sitting on the Building Committee agreed with this.</p>	

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6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees - continued</p> <p>6.4 Report from the Friends of the Midland Public Library The Friends met with the Garden Tour Committee yesterday and will be meeting again at the end of this month. The 3rd version of the map/ticket and posters are being prepared for that meeting. The tickets should go on sale around the beginning of May, so advertising will start toward the end of April. 600 tickets will be printed.</p>	
7.	<p>New business</p> <p>7.1 Bill 128 B. Molesworth outlined the history behind Bill 128 which is currently at 2nd reading in the Provincial Legislature. It is a Conservative member's bill that, if passed, would require school and public libraries to put filtering software on all public internet computers. B. Molesworth has been receiving e-mails from other Library organizations that are concerned about this issue. The City Council of Cambridge, ON has passed a motion saying that all public libraries should use filtering software and are in the process of lobbying other municipalities to do the same. R. Hackney stated that Midland Town Council had not received anything from Cambridge as yet. B. Molesworth stated that filtering computers, used by adults, is very difficult and there are many examples of how it doesn't work. In the new Children's department there will be computers set aside for children, so perhaps we could try to filter these but parents must also be vigilant. One of the other problems raised is that people are operating under a false sense of security if they think their children are completely protected. Library Staff do not act "in locus parentus". B. Molesworth will keep the Board informed of any developments.</p> <p>7.2 Letter to Council re: SOS B. Molesworth read a draft of a letter that he wrote that he would like the Board to send to Council in support of the Simcoe Outreach Service. The Library has noticed a positive effect in this building since they have been working in the downtown area. R. Hackney and P. File indicated that a good, positive letter to Council can't hurt. Council is trying to find funding and is also encouraging S.O.S. to find funding. A motion was proposed.</p>	

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7.	<p>New Business - continued</p> <p>Moved by: V. Nihill Seconded by: J. LeFebvre I move that the letter of the 12th from the Board to Mayor and Council re downtown S.O.S. be sent.</p>	CARRIED
8.	<p>Information</p> <p>8.1 Chief Librarian's Report Adopted as circulated.</p> <p>8.2 Correspondence – Maria Drabble B. Molesworth read a copy of an e-mail that was sent from Ms. Drabble to Councilor Stephan Kramp telling him how much she appreciates the Library service in Midland. She is a relatively new retiree to this area.</p> <p>8.3 3rd Generation Public Libraries B. Molesworth reported that the Ontario Government has released a report – Third Generation Libraries – which discusses how Libraries might look in 2020. It is optimistic about the opportunities for Libraries, by incorporating new technologies with traditional service, to continue to serve the community. It predicts that the Libraries of 2020 will 'respond to a new social, technological and economic environment while keeping their enduring values'. B. Molesworth has a copy of a 3 page synopsis of the report and can direct any interested Board Member to the whole report on request.</p>	
9.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Moved by: J. Swick That the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.</p>	
	 _____ Chairman of the Board	 _____ Chief Librarian