
The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting

Meeting Date: August 15, 2024
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Library Boardroom
Prepared By: Jennifer Murley, CEO/Secretary of the Board

In Attendance: Laurey Gillies (Chair) Julia Scott (Vice Chair)
Joanne de Visser ~~Shawn McKinlay~~
Marie Swift Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff
Kristina Wichman

Absent: N/A
Regrets: Shawn McKinlay
Staff: Jennifer Murley, CEO
Mary Dodge, Manager of Community Engagement

Guests: Kate Graham, Colliers Project Leaders
Kristina Fasciano, Colliers Project Leaders

This special Board meeting is open to the public but will not be recorded or livestreamed. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to provide feedback solicited by the project consultants, Colliers Project Leaders, who were hired to lead the Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Study (MURFA).

A. Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:30 a.m. A Moment of Reflection was observed, followed by the reading of the Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement.

B. Agenda

B.1 Approval of the Agenda

BMPL-Resolution 2024-058

Moved by Kristina Wichman and seconded by Joanne De Visser, THAT the Agenda of August 15, 2024, be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

B.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None were declared.

C. Colliers Focus Group Re: Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment (MURFA)

During the meeting, Colliers Consultant Kate Graham provided an overview of the Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment (MURFA). This project focuses on exploring feasible options for multi-use recreation facilities in The Town of The Blue Mountains and The Town of Collingwood with library services as part of the investigation.

Chair Laurey Gillies emphasized that the Board would respond as a unified voice, concentrating specifically on library needs.

The Board shared their input on the 8 questions in the public agenda package. The discussion emphasized the existing evidence from previous strategic planning, facility reviews, space needs assessments, BMPL Board presentations, and province-wide data, indicating that Library expansion in the Town of The Blue Mountains is long overdue. Short- and long-term options that would best serve the Town of The Blue Mountains were explored.

Colliers were reminded that while exploring library services in both communities, the BMPL is one of the few public libraries in Ontario that operates as a GLAM: Gallery, Library, Archive, and Museum.

D. Notice of Meeting Dates

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024, at the L.E. Shore Boardroom beginning at 1:00 p.m.

All meetings and relevant agenda materials will be posted on the [Meeting and Agenda](#) page of Governance.

E. Adjournment

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Moved by Laurey Gillies, THAT this Board does now adjourn at 12:02 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair. CARRIED.

Laurey Gillies, Chair

Jennifer Murley, Board Secretary