

# RIEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm

vMS Teams

## MINUTES

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### Attendance

Citizen Members	Present	Board Members	Present	Library Liaison	Present
Brenda Antonyshyn	X	Jaideep Johar	X	Stephanie Graham	X
Amanda Desrochers		Dean Scaletta	X		
Donna Kormilo	X				
Sharon Moisiuk					
Ankit Sehgal					
Andre Soliman	X				

**Guest(s):** Ed Cuddy, Manager of Library Services

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:33 pm.

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are in Treaty No. 1 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation in Treaty No. 3 territory.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

*See appendix A for motions*

### 4. Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were approved electronically as per Regulations Article 8 e) on March 21-25, 2021.

## 5. Guest Speaker – Ed Cuddy, Manager of Library Services

- Short term objectives – restore core services as more people are vaccinated (e.g. story times, adult services, etc.)
- Positive lessons – library is engaging more staff in decisions; everyone is becoming more resilient
- Going forward - keep libraries relevant and meaningful in the community; come up with a new Strategic Plan by going back to the communities for input on their needs; library needs to get more involved with the community and develop/maintain deeper and more positive relationships with users is key
- Winnipeg libraries are different in nature than other libraries in Canada because our Library Board is solely advisory; Winnipeg libraries have a more direct relationship with the City and its Councillors
- Two future projects – West Kildonan and St. James libraries are next on the Library Redevelopment Facility strategy

## 6. Chair's Report

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Donna and Brenda discussed with 2 different Human Books as part of the City's Anti-Racism week</li><li>• Brenda, Sharon, Dean, Jaideep and Donna attended the March 27<sup>th</sup> WPLB and LAC orientation session</li><li>• Donna attended April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> WPLB meetings</li></ul>	

## 7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reminder that existing budget of \$250 needs to be allocated to LAC activities before the end of the year</li></ul>	

## 8. Library Liaison / Branch Head Update

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stephanie reported that libraries are currently only doing curbside pickup – have to call first and then pick up on table outside</li><li>2 Branch assistant heads retired in Riel; in process of hiring; lots of vacancies in WPL overall</li><li>Still planning for summer reading programs (Teen Club and TD Summer Club) to go ahead – both have online components. Booklets also provided.</li><li>CELA and NNELS materials are popular with our customers; libraries can loan out Daisy books (CD-ROMs) and readers for people with low vision</li></ul>	

## 9. Library Board Member Update

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jaideep highlighted item 4 of Strat Plan - improve communication between WPLB and the public to keep all involved apprised of WPLB projects, advocacy and progress. In particular the WPLB wants greater visibility on the Library website.</li></ul>	

## 10. Strategic Plan Discussion

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jaideep shared the Q1 report presented at May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting</li></ul>	

## 11. Old Business

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outreach Opportunities for 2021</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tabled discussion re: outreach opp's to our next LAC meeting</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest speaker suggestions for next meeting – Kathleen Williams from Library Outreach; a virtual tour of Windsor Park library; Councillor Rollins on some initiatives she is working on</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donna will select the guest for our next meeting</li></ul>

## 12. New Business

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocacy for sustainable funding for CELA/NNELS – referred from WPLB for discussion and support. Earlier this year, the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) and National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS) announced that their federal funding was being cut. The organizations launched a campaign to restore their funding. On March 16, Minister of Employment, Workplace Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough released a statement restoring \$1 million in funding for accessible reading materials for the upcoming 2021-2022 budget year to CELA and NNELS. However, funding after 2022 is not guaranteed (services, equipment and materials formerly done through CNIB).</li><li>• The Winnipeg Public Library Board will be sending a letter to advocate for continuance of federal funding. Does Riel LAC also want to do this? Who should sign off on this letter?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dean advised that the WPLB will be sending a letter</li><li>• Majority of Riel LAC members would also like to send a letter from the LAC. The Chair can sign for the group</li><li>• Individuals can also send a letter if they so wish</li></ul>

*See appendix A for motions*

Description	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board/LAC member training and conference – call for interested names (deadline was May 11). Brenda mentioned she couldn't access information without a Microsoft account</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna will see if we can still access training info without needing a Microsoft account</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information sharing between WPLB and LACs – Riel LAC members felt there is sufficient communication at this time</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	

### 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

### 14. Next Meeting

Location TBD

Mid September 2021

**Appendix A**  
Riel Library Advisory Committee  
May 17, 2021

*Meeting motions*

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>
That the agenda be approved as distributed	Jaideep Johar	Andre Soliman	Carried
That the Riel LAC participate in advocating for sustainable federal funding for CELA and NNELS by submitting a letter to the federal government	Donna Kormilo	Brenda Antonyshyn	Carried
That the above-referenced support letter be signed as follows: Riel LAC, Donna Kormilo, Chair	Dean Scaletta	Andre Solimon	Carried
That the meeting be adjourned	Donna Kormilo	Dean Scaletta	Carried

## Appendix B: Post-meeting addendum



**Riel LAC**  
*Electronic Motion Results*

**Committee** Riel LAC  
**Date Open** 11-Jun-21  
**Date Closed** 15-Jun-21

**MOTION:** That the Riel LAC, approve the May 17, 2021 minutes; and that the motion results be appended to the minutes before distribution and posting.

### RESULTS

ID	DATE	SUPPORT MOTION (Y/N)?
1	2021-06-11	Yes
2	2021-06-11	Yes
3	2021-06-12	Yes
4	2021-06-12	Yes
5	2021-06-14	Yes