

# Headingley Library Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

Call to Order: Gail Bell called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Alison Au, Marilyn Bayrak, Gail Bell, Sharon Dyck, Bonnie Leullier, Wendy MacKenzie, Jim Robson.

## **I. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Moved by Bonnie and seconded by Sharon, the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

## **II. Librarian's Report**

- a) Circulation stats – Circulations were down a bit in December because the library was closed over the holidays. Circulations in all areas were increased in 2021 with the exception of movies and magazines. DVD loans aren't popular anymore with most people discovering streaming services during the pandemic.
- b) Financials – Covid spending increased in December due to the onset of Omicron. KN95 masks and rapid tests were ordered for staff. The library is on budget for 2021. The 2022 budget will be prepared soon and is expected to be comparable to 2021
- c) Programing – While we haven't been able to offer in-person programing due to Omicron, we have increased our online presence. Mary held some very popular contests on social media and we awarded McNally Robinson gift cards to the winners.
- d) Renovations – The study area renovation is now complete and came in under budget. Study carrels and some soft furnishings have been ordered but there is a supply issue due to Covid. Furniture was paid for with a grant from Headingley Community Foundation.
- e) Flooring – Alison will obtain three quotes for flooring installation to replace the worn carpet on the main level.

## **III. Municipal Report**

- a) Public Works has been busy this winter with snow removal. For the first time in years, the RM may have to remove snow.
- b) Parks and Recreation – the hockey hutch had to be closed due to public health rules. The municipality has implemented a supervisor for hockey

practices and public skating from Monday to Thursday and relies on volunteers, when available, for the remainder of the time.

- c) Blumberg – the RM is not in favour of the land at Blumberg golf course being developed. The provincial government voted against selling the land, which is good news for Headingley.
- d) Housing – there were 65 new housing permits granted in 2021, with 6 in January of 2022. (Usual is 50 per year). The development underway between Roblin Blvd. and the perimeter is expected to provide single family dwellings with some bungalow condominiums for 55+. An assisted living facility is a possibility but there are no plans yet. The new area will allow for 14 acres of greenspace.
- e) The RM has received Federal and Provincial grants to create a 17 acre multi-recreational ball park with 4 ball diamonds east of Roblin Blvd.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a) Staffing – Emma Maclsaac has left the library as she was hired full time elsewhere. With Covid reduced hours, the library will manage for the next several weeks and will advertise the part time position in the spring.
- b) Summer Student – the Canada Summer Job application has been completed to allow for funding for a summer position from June until August. Jessie Major is interested in the position as she has applied to take her Library Science degree in September.
- c) New Board Member – Pat Grierson’s 2-year term ended in December and she has chosen to step down. Sharon has two people in mind that have been approached about joining the board.

#### **V. Next Meeting**

- a) The next board meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- a) The meeting was adjourned by Gail at 6:05 pm.