

**Minutes – Billings Township
Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

Attendance

Jill Ferguson, C.E.O.

Board Members present: Ruth Farquhar, Willa Wilson, Bill Elliott, Ann Parsons, Renée Patterson, Michael Hunt, Gail Los, Phyllis Cacciotti

Passing of Minutes

- minutes of November 26, 2019 were passed by Renée and seconded by Phyllis
- minutes of December 17, 2019 were passed by Ann and seconded by Bill

Treasurer's Report

- tabled until February because we are in the midst of changing over the books to township staff; we will receive monthly statements

Council Report

- \$5000 advance to the library - approved
- agreement to pursue a Young Canada Works grant for revamping *How it All Began*
- approved donation "in kind" to 4Elements Festival for next fall

Librarian's Report

- Numbers are lower in patron count and circulation, likely due to several days of closure of Christmas holidays
- Overdrive numbers on par with last year at this time
- Donations continue to come in

Correspondence: (see Old Business)

Old Business:

- Letter sent to Council about pursuing a student hire through *Young Canada Works* (along with the Museum) to revitalize *How it All Began* – this was approved
- JASI – letter received from the CEO of JASI with options - there was discussion about pros and cons of staying with our current provider, ResourceMate, or going to JASI – Motion by Bill, seconded by Renée to stay with ResourceMate and cancel JASI – carried unanimously
- Received advance from Council (\$5000)

New Business

- Budget: Jill and Ruth presented the Budget for 2020, with a request for \$2000 increase from Council. Motion by Phyllis to accept the budget with the increase, seconded by Renée, carried.
- Motion by Bill to accept the letter of resignation from Ruth Farquhar, seconded by Renée. Passed with much regret and thanks for all of Ruth's excellent work.
- Motion by Ruth to accept Willa Wilson as new chair, seconded by Phyllis - carried
- Motion by Willa to accept Ann Parsons as new secretary, seconded by Bill - carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.