

Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council

Wednesday March 11th 2020 – 2pm-330pm EST

Via - Zoom

Minutes

Present: Elise C. Cole / Oakville PL [Chair] (OLA)
Sabrina Redwing Saunders [Vice-Chair] (AMPLO)
Brian Masschaele (ARUPLO)
Cathy Fairbairn (Southern)
Caroline Goulding (OLBA)
Adam Haviaras (MHSTCI)
Steven Kraus (OLS-North)
Peggy Malcolm (SOLS)
Carole-Ann Churcher (Northern)
Alicia Subnaik Kilgour (CELUPL)

Absent: Audrey Duval (First Nation)
Vacant [Francophone]

1. Call to order:

Sabrina Redwing Saunders [Vice-Chair] (AMPLO) called the meeting to order at 204pm. Quorum was achieved for a portion of the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 20-07 – It was moved by: Elise and Seconded by: Carole-Ann that the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion 20-08 – It was moved by: Peggy and Seconded by: Brian that the minutes for the meeting of January 8th 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED.

Motion 20-09 – It was moved by: Peggy and Seconded by: Brian that the minutes for the meeting of February 12th 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a. TPL Edge Presentation – Jorge Rivera TPL ** - *Deferred to April 2020 Meeting.*
- b. OPLG Editions Release Statement – Website Update

c. OPLG Document Release –

PM re-write of Instructions underway.

PM noted some clarification wording pertaining to Edition.

CG noted need for consistent process “cut off point” that implies the new version is enforced by a consistent date annually.

SS spoke to applying to the audit process, to the date requested by the library, to lock in the version being used at that time.

SK spoke to the work period challenges with the calendar year dates being set for releases of the document.

PM spoke to the clarity required for the audit process requirements for all participants and audit teams to be explicitly clear.

SS and council discussed the audit billing process.

Council has requested that OLS-North bill all libraries immediately at the time of audit requests.

- d. Motion – 20-05** - That the OPLG Council authorize the expenditure to physically audit, as part of a hybrid audit, the upcoming larger multi-branch systems who hold more than 5+ Branches from the OPLG Council Budget line held in trust by OLS-North on behalf of Council.

Moved: Elise **Seconded:** Alicia CARRIED.

Council discussed various issues pertaining to billing, expenses, fees and logistics in conducting a variety of potential in-person auditing activities throughout the province.

References to Intellectual Freedom as per OLA AGM (Text of Motion included in 12 Feb 2020 Minutes)

Motion 20-10 – That the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council endorse and adopt, for the purposes of updating the OPLG Guidelines to reflect, the amendments proposed, in the Ontario Library Association Statement on Intellectual Freedom as passed at the OLA AGM 2020.

Moved: Steven **Seconded:** Elise CARRIED.

e. 2019 Guidelines Document review –

Language Recommendations 14.7 / 14.11 -

14.7 - New – Local History Policy

The library maintains a policy inclusive of its community and territory history that includes: inclusive types of local history materials collected; genealogy collections and their circulation status; geographic area covered; techniques or methods used for materials preservation or digitization; and public access of the materials in the collection or archived by the library or library partners in the community. Policy should recognize that some collection material may have a historical colonial perspective.

Local history collections should be developed to recognize all peoples who live or have lived in the library's community and territory. They should reflect respect for and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

The above is recommended as a dedicated Local History Policy. It can also be addressed in other policies when the library is a local history partner and a First Nation, municipal or county archives is the main source of local history material.

Agreed.

14.8 – has been struck and merged into 14.7.

14.11 – New - Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation

Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation – The public library recognizes and embraces the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's diverse Indigenous population. The library engages in meaningful dialogue with Indigenous people and First Nation bands. In cases where local Indigenous people and First Nation bands may prefer to engage in dialogue with the municipality and not the library, the library stays informed and is available as a supportive resource and partner.

Resources available to the public library include ongoing and meaningful dialogue with Indigenous people and First Nation bands and also resources and strategies developed by the Canadian and International Library Community. The library sector acknowledges its need to recognize and embrace the principles of Truth & Reconciliation with Ontario's diverse Indigenous populations. Subject to the frameworks developed by the library sector, as updated and inclusive of dialogue with Indigenous people, three elements should be included in each Library's policy documents.

- 1) A statement that endorses a Respect and Land Acknowledgement Declaration for original Indigenous peoples (i.e. - the territory your library resides);
- 2) a collection development policy statement that addresses the value of Indigenous collection materials and enables Indigenous authors and content creators to be included and highlighted;
- 3) a policy statement that highlights the provision of library services for Indigenous people and that can include plans or policies to partner with Indigenous people and their communities

The above is recommended as a dedicated Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation policy. It can also be included in other policies.

Recommended resources to inform this policy includes input and reports from The Indigenous Task Group of the Ontario Library Association, the Truth & Reconciliation Committee of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations and ongoing meaningful dialogue with Indigenous people and First Nation bands.

Agreed.

Council reviewed the flagged items list provided for the annual version to be released.

5. Other Business:

For tracking purposes:

- a. Interlibrary loan and Guidelines (22.4) – OPLG Council briefly discussed current examples occurring in the province with the re-start of ILLO services in public libraries.
Referred to the Sub-Committee for update and review based on current information.
- b. Marketing Package & Press Release for 2020 new Guidelines Edition – Website Update Pre-OLA re: Changes. Elise, Alicia, Sabrina, Steve to draft and bring Council pre-December 2019 meeting.
- c. Social Media Presence to be enhanced – Moved into 2020 to link to Marketing Plan Development.

6. Next meeting(s):

All OPLG Council meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, as per the decision made during the March 2019 meeting. **2pm-330pm EST.**

Upcoming Dates:

April 8th 2020

May 13th 2020

June 10th 2020

7. Motion to adjourn:

Motion 20-11 – It was moved by: Elise that the Meeting be adjourned at 332PM
CARRIED.