

Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council

Wednesday May 13th 2020 – 2pm-330pm EST

Via - Zoom

Minutes

Present:

Sabrina Redwing Saunders [Vice-Chair] (AMPLO)
Cathy Fairbairn (Southern)
Carole-Ann Churcher (Northern)
Steven Kraus (OLS-North)
Peggy Malcolm (SOLS) – Meeting Chair
Adam Haviaras (MHSTCI)
Brian Masschaele (ARUPLO)
Caroline Goulding (OLBA)
Alicia Subnaik Kilgour (CELUPL)

Absent:

Elise C. Cole / Oakville PL [Chair] (OLA) – Absent With Cause
Audrey Duval (First Nation)
Vacant [Francophone]

1. Call to order:

Peggy Malcolm (SOLS) called the meeting to order at 203pm. Quorum was achieved for a portion of the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 20-18 – It was moved by: Alicia and Seconded by: Caroline that the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion 20-19 – It was moved by: Adam and Seconded by: Cathy that the minutes for the meeting of April 8th 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

5. New Business:

a) Blanket delay (automatic extension) on all Audits for the 2020 calendar year.

OPLG Council spoke to the challenges libraries will be facing to assume and complete the requirements amidst COVID-19.

PM spoke to the 10 audits in view for accreditation in Southern Ontario.

SK noted the single audit up for accreditation in Northern Ontario.

SS and PM spoke to reality that there may be certain libraries who may be prepared or preparing for accreditation or re-accreditation in 2020 who may wish to proceed none the less, however those instances will need to be evaluated on a case by case basis subject to the restrictions in place surrounding COVID-19.

PM spoke to the ability to remove any in-person plans for audits, and making available all digital preparation tools, and video options as was previously piloted during our virtual audits of 2019.

ASK spoke to the need for flexibility and latitude whereas mental health, staff considerations, resources and efforts will need to be put as a priority as staff teams return to work and set a positive tone to return to the workplace for the eventual return to full service levels in all library systems. Noting that accreditation may not fall as a priority to many whereas team re-integration will be of primary concern.

Motion – 20-20 – That the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council will offer blanket extensions at no cost, to all auditing libraries currently working towards or scheduled for 2020 audits to allow accredited libraries to focus their efforts, resources and staff on addressing their local library's Covid-19 needs and concerns.

Moved: Caroline Seconded: Alicia

-Carried

b) 2020 Edition Document Update

SK confirmed with PM and discussed with Council that all documents are ready for upload to the OPLG Website and for wider use with all public libraries seeking accreditation in 2020 and beyond.

c) Upcoming OPLG Council Meetings

Council achieved consensus to cancel all scheduled meetings till September 2020 due to Covid-19 Considerations.

A Special meeting of Council will be called to address any urgent or pressing matters with Council concurrence.

6. Other Business:

The OPLG Website is down. No ETA on return to service available. SOLS will be placing 2020 documents on their website in the interim for client access. PM to share details with Council.

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:

* Council Agreed to suspend meetings until September 2020 in lieu of COVID 19 phases our membership will be facing to re-start service.

7. Motion to adjourn:

Motion 20-21 – It was moved by: Sabrina that the Meeting be adjourned at 254PM
CARRIED.