

Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – via Zoom

Minutes

Present:

Elise C. Cole / Oakville PL [Chair] (OLA: OPLA)	Feather Maracle (First Nation)
Sabrina Redwing Saunders [Vice-Chair] (AMPLO)	Adam Haviaras (MHSTCI)
Brian Masschaele (ARUPLO)	Jesse Roberts (OLS)
Catherina Rouse (Francophone)	Cathy Fairbairn (Southern)
Caroline Goulding (OLA: OLBA)	Peggy Malcolm (OLS)

Regrets:

Alicia Subnaik Kilgour (CELUPL)

1. Call to order:

Elise Cole called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Quorum was achieved.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion 22-08 – It was moved by Catherina Rouse and seconded by Adam Haviaras that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2022, meeting:

Motion 22-09 - It was moved by Brian Masschaele and seconded by Jesse Roberts that the minutes for the meeting of May 11, 2022, be approved as amended to move Catherina Rouse from being co-auditor Trent Hills to Perth & District Union. CARRIED.

4. New Business

a) Audit Reports

Perth and District Union Library – For this re-accreditation, the two auditors were Jesse Roberts and Catherina Rouse. The auditors were impressed with the current physical state of the library, both inside and in the library garden area, and prepared an audit report with an overall score of 98%. Several suggestions to the library were added to the draft report by the peer audit team.

Motion 22-10 – It was moved by Sabrina Saunders and seconded by Adam Haviaras that the re-accreditation report for the Perth and District Union Public Library be approved and that the Perth and District Union Public Library be re-accredited for a period of five years to December 31, 2027. CARRIED. Abstained: Jesse Roberts and Catherina Rouse

Innisfil Public Library – For this re-accreditation, the two auditors were Jesse Roberts and Caroline Goulding. In 2016, the library was accredited with four branches, however since that time, the Cookstown branch has closed. The auditors were very impressed with the facility. There was one guideline (22.6 ILS Cooperation) noted in the draft report upon which Council was unable to reach agreement. The auditors will reach out to the library to gather additional information and report back to the July Council meeting.

The auditors noted that several suggestions were provided. For example, before going into a virtual audit, that a floor plan be provided so that the auditors could follow the library's layout.

A general note: Some libraries preferred in person audits to virtual, and it was suggested that we clearly state it was cost and not COVID that changed our process.

5. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) **Audit requests** – In the previous meeting, it was noted that a second auditor is needed for Trent Hills. Elise Cole offered to help Jesse with this audit. In addition, a second auditor will be needed for Bruce County audit, with 18 branches, scheduled for August 2022.
- b) **Editing for 2023 Guidelines** – Work began on sections of the OPLG Guidelines which had been noted as being unclear to the libraries and/or to the audit teams.

Section 22 (Co-operation and Partnerships) includes the problematic ILS Cooperation piece. The following suggestions were noted:

22.1 – Community Partnership - keep

22.2 – Library sector partnership – should focus on “standing together”, more political. Remove reference to INFO (that is the name of the interlibrary loan network

22.3 – Partnerships beyond your community –

22.4 – Interlibrary Loan Service – (about requesting items from other libraries)

22.5 – Participation in INFO (about offering your collection to others)

22.6 – ILS Cooperation – currently reads “The library participates in a ILS cooperative or consortium as a cost-saving measure”. Suggest that we remove ILS Cooperation and change it to fiscal, cost-effective solutions. Also renumber to be 22.2 and move the 2 guidelines on ILL to be 22.5 and 22.6 respectively.

Section 23 (Library websites)

23.2 – Accessible websites – question about how to handle the legislation and expectations about the library websites.

6. Motion to adjourn

Motion 22-11 – It was moved by Jesse Roberts that the meeting be adjourned at 3:32 pm. **CARRIED.**

Meeting Dates (All set for 2 to 3:30 pm ET)

- In 2022: July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.