



Windsor Public Library 2017 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday April 17, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Central Branch

Present: Mayor D. Dilkens (Chair), Councillor I. Kusmierczyk (4:09 p.m.), D. Lee, D. McFarlane, M. Payne, H. Reidel, J. Stuart

Regrets: Councillor J. Gignac, Councillor R. Bortolin

Staff: K. Pope (CEO), C. Anson, A. Craig, N. Peel, C. Rideout-Arkell, C. Woodrow, A. Rutherford (Secretary)

Guests D. Seguin, City Deputy Treasurer, Dr. V. Georgie

- Welcome:** The Chair introduced the Board members and welcomed all to the 2017 Annual General Meeting at the Central Branch.
- Call to Order and regrets:** Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. D. Dilkens acknowledged regrets from Councillors Bortolin and Gignac.
- Approval of agenda:**

23.18	Moved:	M. Payne	Seconded:	D. McFarlane
	THAT the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED			

- Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:** None
- Presentation: “Reinventing our Public Libraries”** – by Dr. Vincent Georgie.
D. Dilkens introduced Dr. Georgie, the keynote speaker for the WPL 2017 Annual General Meeting.
D. V. Georgie thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about his personal story and the public library that started his lifelong passion for film. Dr. Georgie was a young lad of 8 when he and his family first came to Windsor from Montreal. The Windsor Public Library was a place to learn English and read his favourite books – “Inside Oscar”, “Siskel and Ebert” and “Leonard Maltin”. These were the books that shaped Vincent’s future, eventually completing his PHD thesis on Movie Previews. Dr. Georgie is proud of Windsor and Windsor Public Library for its vision and progress. With vision, communities prosper and partnerships grow. He thanked WPL and city leaders for the exciting times ahead.

A question and comment came from the audience re: public library is a place to learn English and how schools and libraries can go out into the community for more engagement. Dr. Georgie invited WPL to be engaging with the U of W School of Creative Arts.

Mayor D. Dilkens thanked Dr. Georgie for sharing his personal story and his love of the City of Windsor and Windsor Public Library.

WPL Board Chair’s Annual Address: Chair D. Dilkens highlighted the Board’s 2017 accomplishments this past year, re: three building projects and the library as an amazing public place, with over 750,000 visitors and 1.1 million items borrowed in 2017. He thanked the Board members, City staff, and the WPL staff and customers for another great year.

The WPL Board is looking forward to an exciting year in 2018.

WPL 2017 Annual Report: CEO

K. Pope reviewed the 2017 Annual Report highlighting WPL’s Chisholm branch grand opening, WPL’s Speaker Series for Canada’s 150th birthday and the City of Windsor’s 125th birthday, and WPL’s Famous Windsorites. The library’s place as a learning institution is changing to meet the needs of a 21st century city.

24.18	Moved:	J. Stuart	Seconded:	M. Payne
	To accept the 2017 Annual Report as presented. CARRIED			

Chair D. Dilkens thanked Dr. Georgie, the community, Board and staff for their commitment to WPL’s mission “to read, learn and discover”.

6. Adjournment

25.18	Moved:	D. McFarlane	Seconded:	M. Payne
	THAT the Board adjourn the Annual meeting at 4:32 p.m. CARRIED			

APPROVED:

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Mayor Drew Dickens
Chair, Windsor Public Library

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Kitty Pope
CEO, Windsor Public Library

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Anne Rutherford
Manager Board Operations & Executive Assist...