

MANITOBA INSTITUTE OF TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

MTT GOVERNING BOARD **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 26, 2017

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Delta Z,130 Henlow Bay

Chair: John Schubert

Recording Secretary: **Sharon Taylor**

Present: **Governing Board Members:** Julie Fisher, Ron Brown, Ron

Hambley, Christine Payne,

Amanda Jenkyns

Regrets: **Brent Pooles**

Administration: Ray Karasevich,

Paulette Shonoski

Invitees: Jana Thorsteinson, Director

External Relations

1. CALL TO ORDER

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
1A.	Closed	ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm. A quorum of Governing Board members was present. Being the first board meeting of the newly appointed members, introductions were made.	INFO	

2. CONSENT AGENDA BUSINESS

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
2.	Closed	CONSENT AGENDA BUSINESS A. Declaration of Conflicts B. Approval of Agenda C. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2017 D. Approval of Management Report E. Approval of Finance Report F. Board Correspondence	INFO	
		The Chair added New Business item I. "Borrowing By-law 2017-01," and the Interim President and CEO noted two additions to the management report. The financial report was tabled as part of consent agenda business, but will be reviewed separate from the consent agenda at the next meeting.		
		Motion #36/17 (R. Hambley / J. Fisher) "That the agenda, including consent agenda business, be approved as amended."		
		CARRIED		

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
3A.	Open	PROPOSED SURPLUS PLAN P. Shonoski provided an update on the proposal that was developed for use of MITT's surplus, noting that the surplus allows MITT to plan for unforeseen emergencies, deferred maintenance, and other required expenses. The proposed surplus plan will be circulated with the minutes.	S. Taylor	Nov. 21/17

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
4A.	Closed	CONFIRMATION OF 2017-18 BOARD MEETING DATES Proposed dates were reviewed and confirmed.	INFO	į
4B.	Closed	APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS Background was provided on MITT's use of lawyers for different purposed. A. Jenkyns, R. Brown, and C. Payne noted potential perceived conflicts due to known contacts at the legal firms used by MITT. These conflicts were deemed immaterial. Motion #37/17 (R. Brown / C. Payne) "That Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology use the services of Fillmore Riley and MLT Aikens LLP as its primary solicitors for 2017-18."	INFO	
		CARRIED		



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Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
4C.	Closed	APPOINTMENT OF BANKS	INFO	
		Motion #38/17 (J. Fisher / R. Brown) "That Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology use the services of the Toronto Dominion Bank as its primary financial institution, Steinbach Credit Union for its high interest savings account and North Winnipeg Credit Union for its GIC investments for 2017-18."		
		CARRIED		
4D.	Closed	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS Background was provided on MITT's use of Grant Thornton LLP for audit services. Staff are very satisfied with the services provided, however best practices encourage a periodic market review. A request for proposals for audit services will be issued within the 2017-18 year for the 2018-19 fiscal audit. Grant Thornton will be included in the RFP issue. Motion #39/17 (C. Payne / J. Fisher) "That Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology continue with the firm Grant Thornton for audit services specific to 2017-18."	INFO	

	H. NEW BUSINESS (CNTD)					
Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:		
4E.	Closed	APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER The role of Secretary-Treasurer is a requirement under the Public Schools Act and is typically the senior financial officer of the institution.	INFO			
		Motion #40/17 (R. Hambley / A. Jenkyns) "That Paulette Shonoski, Vice President, Administration & Finance, be appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Board of the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology."				
		CARRIED				
4F.	Closed	SIGNING AUTHORITIES AND LIMITS	INFO			
		Motion #41/17 (R. Hambley / C. Payne) "That John Schubert, Ray Karasevich, and Paulette Shonoski are approved as MITT's signatories for the 2017-18 fiscal year, and that the President & CEO of MITT be granted signing authority to a maximum of \$500,000 for the 2017-18 fiscal year." CARRIED				
4G.	Closed	CODE OF CONDUCT/CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION Board members reviewed the Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest policy and signed declarations.				



Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
4Н.	Open	APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS The Chair called for a volunteers to join the Executive and Governance Committee alongside himself and Vice-Chair J. Fisher. R. Brown put his name forward.	J. Schubert	Nov. 28/17
		Motion #42/17 (C. Payne / R. Hambley) "That John Schubert and Julie Fisher be reappointed, and that Ron Brown be appointed for one-year terms on the Executive and Governance Committee of the MITT Board."		
		CARRIED		
		The Chair then called for volunteers to join the Audit and Finance Committee. R. Hambley volunteered to continue as Chair of the committee. C. Payne volunteered to join. The remaining position will be left open to allow all board members an opportunity to consider joining the committee.		
		Motion #43/17 (J. Fisher / A. Ward) "That Ron Hambley be re-appointed and that Christine Payne be appointed for one-year terms on the Audit and Finance Committee of the MITT Board."		
		CARRIED		

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
41.	Open	PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE BOARD BY-LAW 2017-01 The by-law provides for payment of funds from the Province for renovations completed and equipment purchased in 2014-15 related to MITT High School. First reading took place. Second and third readings will occur on November 28, 2017. Motion #44/17 (A. Jenkyns / C. Payne) "That the Board approve the first reading of Borrowing Bylaw 2017-01 in the amount of \$451,100.00 for the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology Academic Renovation and purchase of a Torchmate Cutting Table."	J. Schubert	Nov. 28/17
		CARRIED		

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
5A.	Closed	INTERIM COMBINED EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT The committee, along with the Secretary-Treasurer provided a report on the results of the 2016-17 audit, noting that it was a clean audit with no material control deficiencies found. Motion #45/17 (R. Hambley / J. Fisher) "That the board accept the audited report of the consolidated financial statement of the Institute for the year end June 30, 2017." CARRIED	INFO	

6. STRATEGIC/GENERATIVE GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
6A.	Closed	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STRATEGY Director of External Relations, Jana Thorsteinson, joined the meeting at 4:25pm to present MITT's draft Provincial government relations strategy for board review and discussion. The board provided feedback to assist in finalizing the strategy. The strategy will come back to the board for information once complete. Board members were encouraged to submit topics for future strategic/governance discussions to the Chair or Secretary to the Board.	INFO	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
7A.	Closed	AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 16 2017 (BOARD RETREAT) A. Strategic Plan Evaluation	INFO	
		B. Business Plan Review		
		Other business items will be added as needed.		

8. IN-CAMERA MEETING

Item:	Status:	Description:	Action by:	Due:
8.	Closed	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (IN-CAMERA)	INFO	
		Motion # 46/17 (R. Hambley / J. Fisher): "That the Governing Board meeting adjourn to Committee of the whole (In-Camera) at 5:30 p.m."		
		CARRIED		
		Motion # 47/17 (R. Hambley / A. Jenkyns): "That the Committee of the Whole (in-camera) rise and report at 6:15 p.m."		
		CARRIED		

9. TERMINATION

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9.	Closed	TERMINATION	INFO	
		Motion # 48/17 (J. Fisher): "That the Governing Board meeting terminate at 6:20 p.m."		

Chair Secretary-Treasurer

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