

## **BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2024 December 12 at 19:02h at the Bob Prittie  
Metrotown branch.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)  
Mandy Yang  
Caroline White  
Anna Lu  
Councillor Alison Gu  
Raj Hundal  
Gene Blishen

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)  
Trish Mau  
Franca DeLuca  
Maria Han  
Julia Lau  
Jessica Lee  
Queen Esekhile  
Natalie Chung  
Maya Suzberic

REGRETS: Hakam Bhaloo  
Sangeeta Subramanian

We would like to recognize we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands  
of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend  
appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

### 1. Agenda

**MOVED** by Raj Hundal

"That the agenda be received as  
presented."

Seconded by Caroline White

**CARRIED**

### 2. i) Minutes

**MOVED** by Gene Blishen

"That the minutes of the regular meeting  
held 2024 October 17 be adopted as  
circulated."

Seconded by Anna Lu

**CARRIED**

### 3. Reports

#### i) Board Chair

The Chair reflected on the year for the Board and library, with new trustees joining this year and Councillor Gu leaving. Trustees thanked Councillor Gu for her dedication and care as an advocate for the library.

#### ii) Council Liaison

Councillor Gu said her farewell to the Board and thanked everyone for their work. She also shared that Councillor Santiago will be the new council liaison beginning in 2025.

#### iii) InterLINK Representative

InterLINK representative Gene Blishen reported on the latest InterLINK meeting. He also said that InterLINK trustees were very interested in Burnaby's intellectual freedom policy review as this is an ongoing issue.

### 4. Items for Decision

#### i) Intellectual Freedom Policy Review

The Librarian 2, Collections presented on the revised Intellectual Freedom and Use of Public Space policies. After having researched different approaches and consulted with staff, the changes attempt to straddle BPL's commitments to intellectual freed and to equity and inclusion. Trustees thanked her for the work that was put into the content of the report and expressed interest in an annual review of intellectual freedom for continued awareness of changes in the landscape.

**MOVED** by Councillor Alison Gu

"That the Board approve revisions to the Intellectual Freedom and Use of Library Spaces Policies."

Seconded by Gene Blishen

**CARRIED**

#### ii) Board Meeting Dates and Locations – 2025

The Chief Librarian presented the Board meeting dates and locations in 2025. Trustees decided to shift the start time of the meetings to 6:00pm.

**MOVED** by Caroline White

"That the Board approves moving meeting times to 6:00pm in 2025."

Seconded by Anna Lu

**CARRIED**

iii) Staff Presentations Schedule - 2025

The Chief Librarian presented a proposed schedule of staff presentations to the Library Board in 2025.

**MOVED** by Raj Hundal

“That the Board approves staff presentations schedules for 2025. ”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

**CARRIED**

5. Items for Information:

i) Cameron Library Staffing Council Report

The Chief Librarian thanked the Cameron Branch Manager and the Director of Public Service for presenting a successful ask to City Council for funding of positions to accommodate an increase in activity levels at the Temporary Cameron branch.

6. Other Business:

No other business.

7. Next Library Board Meeting:

Next meeting will be held at Metrotown Library on 2025 January 16 at 18:00h.

8. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Raj Hundal

“That the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to discuss workplace safety policies and patron bans.”

Seconded by Caroline White

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 19:59.

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Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)