

**BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2019 July 18 at 19:03h in the third floor Board Room at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch.

PRESENT: Lorraine Shore (Chair)  
Katy Alkins-Jang  
Surena Bains  
Gene Blishen  
Chris Dong  
Matt Foley  
Ernie Kashima

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)  
Trish Mau  
Elizabeth Davies  
Sharon Notarrigo  
Amy Girard (19:14h-19:27h)

REGRETS: Jeffrey Yu  
Councillor Calendino

**ACTION**

1. Agenda

**MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang  
Seconded by Chris Dong

"That the agenda be received."

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes

**MOVED** by Ernie Kashima

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2019 June 20 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Gene Blishen

**CARRIED**

3. Correspondence

**MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang  
Seconded by Gene Blishen

"That the correspondence be received."

**CARRIED**

4. Reports

i) Council Liaison

The Chief Librarian reported on behalf of the Council Liaison.

At their meeting on July 8, City Council adopted a recommendation to support the

resolution from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) regarding sustainable Provincial library funding. Council also passed a motion to write a letter of support for Provincial library funding to UBCM and Minister of Education Rob Fleming.

The Chief Librarian reported that she had sent letters about the issue of provincial funding to local MLAs and has already heard back from three of them.

ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reminded Trustees of Library Day at the PNE, which takes place on August 21. The Chief Librarian noted that BPL will be participating in the event.

5. Items Requiring a Decision

i) Living Wage

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting that all staff positions fall above the threshold of the Living Wage. As of January 2020, any new contracts with outside organizations must also meet the threshold.

**MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang

“That the Library Board endorse the City Council decision to adopt a Living Wage Program at the City of Burnaby.”

Seconded by Matt Foley

**CARRIED**

ii) Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report.

**MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang

“That the Library Board adopt the Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment wording and process endorsed by Burnaby City Council.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

**CARRIED**

6. Items for Information

i) Pancake Breakfast and Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony

The Board Chair encouraged Trustees to attend this annual event.

ii) Cameron Branch – Update

The Chief Librarian presented a synopsis of BPL’s program submission to the City’s Planning and Building Department, which was informed by research and visits to other libraries. The Board offered further suggestions for consideration in the planning process.

7. Report of the Chief Librarian

i) Strategic Plan Report: Second Quarter 2019

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting the following highlights:

- Community Librarians connected with people at a local food bank and signed them up for cards; the librarians even stayed longer than originally planned in order to meet with others that were called down by their friends.
- A high-energy hip hop performance during the National Indigenous Peoples Day event got participants dancing and even received a couple of noise complaints.
- A letter of appreciation was received for a new community collection at the Youth Custody Centre.
- A very popular Mandarin storytime was the first-ever Chinese language storytime BPL has offered.
- A recent acquisition of laptops for programming use allowed McGill and Metrotown to offer digital skills group classes, which were very well received.
- After the Community Librarians established an initial connection with the Brentwood Community Resource Centre, librarians from the McGill Branch are continuing regular visits to close this geographical gap in library services.

ii) Retired Employees

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report.

8. Next Library Board Meeting

The Library Board was advised that the incorrect location was listed on the agenda. The September meeting will be held at the Tommy Douglas Library.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang

“That the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider financial matters.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 19:47h.

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Lorraine Shore (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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