

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2019 November 21 at 19:07h in the third floor Board Room at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch.

PRESENT: Lorraine Shore (Chair)
Jeffrey Yu
Katy Alkins-Jang
Surena Bains
Gene Blishen
Councillor Calendino

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Maja Suzberic
Allison Jones
Andrea Lukic
Peter Musser
Sharon Freeman (left at 19:15 hrs)

REGRETS: Chris Dong
Matt Foley
Ernie Kashima

1. Delegation – Sharon Freeman

The Board welcomed Sharon Freeman, who spoke on the nation-wide initiative “I Read Canadian Day”, which will take place on February 19, 2020. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and appreciation of Canadian books; young people are encouraged to read some form of Canadian content for at least 15 minutes that day.

Sharon Freeman suggested that the Library make a recommendation to City Council that February 19, 2020 be proclaimed “I Read Canadian Day” in Burnaby and that all ages are encouraged to participate.

MOVED by Katy Alkins-Jang

“That a letter on behalf of the Library Board be sent to Mayor and Council requesting that they proclaim 2020 February 19 ‘I Read Canadian Day’.”

Seconded by Jeffrey Yu

CARRIED

The Board Chair thanked Sharon Freeman, and she left at this time.

ACTION

Chief
Librarian

2. Agenda

The Chief Librarian and Trustee Blishen each requested additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Katy Alkins-Jang

"That the agenda be received as amended."

Seconded by Jeffrey Yu

CARRIED

3. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Katy Alkins-Jang

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2019 October 17 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Gene Blishen

CARRIED

4. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Vice Chair reported on the Tommy Douglas 10th Anniversary celebrations earlier in the day, which he attended on behalf of the Chair. The Chief Librarian commented as well, giving kudos to the staff for their work in planning the celebrations.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported on the timelines of various City projects that are in preliminary stages, including the new Cameron Library and Recreation Complex.

The Council Liaison also reported on a new resource guide – "Indigenous History in Burnaby" – which provides an overview of hə́nqəmińəm and Skwxwú7mesh history in Burnaby from the time of the ancestors to the present day. The guide was developed by the Burnaby Village Museum in conjunction with several Local First Nations and will be provided to schools and libraries, along with being available online.

iii) Trustee Blishen

Trustee Blishen reported on a meeting he had with Babs Kelly, the Executive Director of the BC Library Trustees Association.

5. Items Requiring a Decision

i) Christmas Holiday Opening Hours 2020

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting the information on activity levels that had been requested.

MOVED by Katy Alkins-Jang

“That the Library not close on Monday, December 28, 2020.”

Seconded by Jeffrey Yu

CARRIED

The Board requested that activity levels following holiday closures continue to be tracked.

Library Staff

6. Items for Information

i) Intellectual Freedom and Room Bookings

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting that no recommendations were being brought forward at this time. The issues and the current Library Board policy were discussed, and the Board Chair invited staff members present to share their experiences and perspectives.

ii) New Cameron Update

The Chief Librarian provided a verbal update on the progress of the new Cameron Branch. Nine proposals to design the new Library and Recreation Centre have been received. City staff (from Library, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Planning and Building, and Engineering) will select a lead proponent over the next weeks.

7. 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 and labour matters.”

Seconded by Jeffrey Yu

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:37h.

Lorraine Shore (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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