

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2020 October 15 at 19:05h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Yu (Chair)
Gene Blishen
Surena Bains
Chris Dong
Matt Foley
Lorraine Shore
Mandy Yang

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Lindsay Jang
Linton Harrison
Christie Menzo
Anita Chan (left at 19:40h)
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Maja Suzberic
Franca Deluca

REGRETS: Ernie Kashima
Councillor Johnston

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

The Librarian-Web Coordinator provided the Board with a presentation on the BPL website redesign. The new website is expected to launch in November.

The Board thanked the Librarian-Web Coordinator for the presentation, and she left at this time.

1. Agenda

MOVED by Lorraine Shore
Seconded by Chris Dong

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Lorraine Shore

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2020 September 17

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be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

- ii) **MOVED** by Matt Foley

“That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 2020 August 20 be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Gene Blishen

CARRIED

3. Reports

- i) Board Chair

The Board Chair shared a story from a meeting he attended on helping isolated seniors and the gratitude expressed for resources and services BPL provides.

- ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported that the September meeting included discussion on how the decline in borrowing activity for this year will affect next year’s budget.

The InterLINK Representative also reported on his experience attending the virtual BC Library Trustees Association’s AGM, which was held on October 6.

4. Items Requiring a Decision

- i) Holiday Closures

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report.

MOVED by Matt Foley

“That the Library Board approve all branches closing at 1:00pm on Christmas Eve and 5:00pm on New Year’s Eve.”

Seconded by Lorraine Shore

CARRIED

MOVED by Lorraine Shore

“That the Library Board approve all branches closing on Monday, December 28.”

Seconded by Matt Foley

CARRIED

5. Report of the Chief Librarian

i) Strategic Plan Report: Third Quarter 2020

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, acknowledging the creativity, resiliency and adaptability of staff in serving patrons while maintaining safety measures.

The Chief Librarian noted the following highlights:

- As part of the project to complete a digital literacy strategy for BPL, a survey asking for community feedback received 307 responses.
- Since the report, architects from Faulkner Browns provided renderings of the Metrotown Branch with bold design concepts for its public spaces. The Chief Librarian is inviting staff input before providing feedback to the architects.
- More than 170 staff participated in Gender Diversity training from TransFocus Consulting. The training received great feedback from staff, and the Chief Librarian thanked the members of the Transgender Inclusion Working Group. A recorded version of the training will also be made available.
- Many comments were received from patrons regarding the importance of the library during the pandemic.

ii) COVID-19 and Library Operations

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, highlighting the following:

- The 72-hour quarantine period for returned items was eliminated, following guidelines from provincial health authorities.
- With the introduction of a face mask policy for city facilities, a supply of face masks are now available for patrons who have not brought one with them.
- Two more staff have been recalled.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Lorraine Shore

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

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:09h.

Jeffrey Yu (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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