

## BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2021 February 18 at 19:04h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Yu (Chair)  
Surena Bains  
Sarah Bartnik  
Gene Blishen  
Chris Dong  
Matt Foley  
Ernie Kashima  
Mandy Yang  
Councillor Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)  
Trish Mau  
Lindsay Jang  
Allison Jones  
Jessica Lee  
Jamie McCarthy  
Sharon Notarrigo  
Franca Deluca

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

### 1. Election of Officers

Chris Dong nominated Gene Blishen for the position of Vice Chair of the Burnaby Public Library Board for the year 2021. Matt Foley seconded this nomination. There being no further nominations, Gene was declared elected by acclamation.

Chris Dong was appointed the 2021 InterLINK Representative. Sarah Bartnik was appointed the 2021 InterLINK Alternate.

Appointments to the Planning and Advocacy Committee were deferred to the March meeting. The remaining committees were appointed as follows:

**Finance** Mandy Yang, Chair  
Sarah Bartnik  
Matt Foley  
Jeffrey Yu (ex officio)

**Personnel** Ernie Kashima, Chair  
Surena Bains  
Matt Foley  
Jeffrey Yu (ex officio)

### ACTION

2. Agenda

**MOVED** by Matt Foley  
Seconded by Chris Dong

"That the agenda be received."

**CARRIED**

3. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Sarah Bartnik

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2021 January 21 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

**CARRIED**

4. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Chair shared experiences from his involvement with the Burnaby's Primary Care Network – how participants continue to express their gratitude for the Library's support – and noted how unique this collaboration is within a community.

The Chief Librarian will invite the Manager, Community Development – who is co-presenting a session with the Primary Care Network at the upcoming BC Library Association conference – to make a presentation at the March Library Board meeting.

Chief Librarian

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported on a city-wide inclusive signage policy that will guide signage for new facilities as they are built, as well as see eventual retrofitting of signage in existing buildings.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative noted that the first InterLINK meeting of the year will include an orientation for new representatives. It was suggested that, as the new InterLINK Alternate, Trustee Bartnik attend. The Chief Librarian will forward the agenda package to Trustee Bartnik in advance of the meeting.

Chief Librarian

5. Items for Decision

i) Trustee Contact Information

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and gave some background regarding Trustee business cards. It was agreed to use the generic "board" email address and the Library Administration phone number. The Administrative Assistant will coordinate with Trustees individually regarding the inclusion of personal phone numbers.

Administrative Assistant

**MOVED** by Matt Foley

“That the Library Board direct staff to amend Trustee contact information on business cards”

Seconded by Sarah Bartnik

**CARRIED**

ii) 2020 Provincial Grants Report

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report.

**MOVED** by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board endorse the 2020 Provincial Grants Report.”

Seconded by Matt Foley

**CARRIED**

iii) Anti-Racism

The Chief Librarian asked the Board for their preferred option in meeting with the anti-racism consultants. It was decided to make time at the beginning the March Library Board meeting and convene half an hour earlier than usual – providing that the date and time work for the consultants. The Chief Librarian will extend the invitation.

Chief Librarian

6. Items for Information

i) Digital Literacy Strategy

The Assistant Director, Collections and Technology provided the Board with some background on the Digital Literacy project. She then introduced Systems Librarian Allison Jones, who presented the Digital Literacy Strategy, which included a summary of recommendations.

ii) COVID-19 and Library Operations

The Chief Librarian spoke to how a separate report on COVID-19 and its impact on library operations has previously been included in each meeting’s agenda package. As there have not been significant changes to the report in recent months, the Chief Librarian asked the Board if they would like to continue receiving monthly updates.

**MOVED** by Ernie Kashima

“That, going forward, the Board receive updates regarding the impact of COVID-19 on library operations in the quarterly Chief Librarian reports.”

Seconded by Matt Foley

**CARRIED**

The Board expressed their gratitude to all staff, in particular staff who work directly with the public, for their patience, diligence and understanding in serving patrons

during the pandemic.

**MOVED** by Gene Blishen

“That the Chief Librarian relay the Library Board’s appreciation and support to all staff for their efforts and diligence shown through the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Chief Librarian

Seconded by Matt Foley

**CARRIED**

7. Next Library Board Meeting

The March 18 meeting will begin at 6:30pm, providing that the anti-racism consultants are available at that time for their interview with the Board.

8. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Ernie Kashima

“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 20:43h.

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Jeffrey Yu (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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