

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2021 May 20 at 19:02h via Zoom.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Jamie McCarthy
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Franca DeLuca
Amy Girard
Maja Suzberic

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

ACTION

1. Agenda

MOVED by Chris Dong
Seconded by Matt Foley

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Councillor Johnston

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2021 April 15 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged that the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner,

which is usually held in May, was unable to take place due to COVID-19. Instead, flowers were sent by the City to each of the Trustees in appreciation of their service. The Council Liaison will pass along the Trustees' thanks to City Council.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported that work continues on a re-opening plan for the City.

4. Items for Information

i) Intellectual Freedom and Library Collections

The Assistant Director, Collections and Technology spoke to the report, noting the range of links provided for background information and BPL context. Trustees expressed their appreciation at the thoroughness of the report, noting their appreciation of the complexities of the subject and understanding the Library's decision to move the six Dr. Seuss titles to adult non-fiction.

The Chief Librarian suggested that the Board discuss equity, diversity and inclusion when preparing the Library's next strategic plan – that it might be an opportunity for the Board to look at the Library's values and determine how to proceed when values conflict.

The Chief Librarian updated the Board on the Library's anti-racism work:

- Approximately 100 staff members provided feedback.
- There has been an extension to mid-June for the consultant's report.
- Facilitated discussions with staff, based on the report, will inform next steps.

ii) COVID-19 and Library Operations

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

- Although fewer patrons seem to be in the library at any given time, statistics are not much lower than during previous service levels.
- Staff are developing a plan as to what an increase in service will look like.
- The BC Re-start plan will also be used to inform next steps.
- The announcement that library workers 18+ were eligible for the vaccine was a boost to staff morale.

In response to a query about challenges with patrons not following COVID-19 health guidelines, the Chief Librarian reported on recently-purchased training modules that will provide staff with strategies and tools to use during such situations.

In response to a query on what practices the Library may keep post-pandemic, the Chief Librarian noted that she has already had some feedback from staff and will continue to have conversations about what will be worthwhile to keep going forward.

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Johnston

“That the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded in order to

consider financial matters.”

Seconded by Matt Foley

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 19:44h.

Jeffrey Yu (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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