

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 February 17 at 19:01h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Gene Blishen
Chris Dong
Ernie Kashima
Caroline White
Councillor Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Christie Menzo
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Amy Girard
Maja Suzberic

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

ACTION

1. Agenda

“Strategic Planning Process” was moved from item 4.iv to item 4.i.

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

"That the agenda be received as amended."

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Johnston

“That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 January 20 be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

Co-Chair Yang reported on a BC Library Trustees Association workshop that she and Co-Chair Bartnik attended on the topic of chairing meetings. Both praised BCLTA's facilitator and recommended that other Trustees take advantage of workshops that BCLTA offers.

ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Alternate reported that the meeting on February 22 will include an orientation for any new members.

The InterLINK Alternate also reported that the InterLINK Board is continuing its training on cultural safety. A session on territorial acknowledgement is already scheduled.

4. Items for Decision

i) Strategic Planning Process

The Chief Librarian reported on the extensive process undertaken during the development of the 2019-2022 strategic plan. She spoke to the recommendation that the Board delay the next round of strategic planning in order to allow for more meaningful engagement with both staff and the community – at a time when impacts of the pandemic and resulting service needs can be more fully explored.

The Chief Librarian noted that the current strategic plan is still providing guidance to staff, and any gaps are being addressed as needed.

MOVED by Surena Bains

“That the Library Board delay strategic planning until 2023.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

Following an inquiry from Trustee White regarding staff mental health and available resources, the Director, Public Service spoke to the City's Not Myself Today program. It was suggested that some of the Library's Not Myself Today ambassadors be invited to a future Board meeting to speak about the program.

ii) Board Committees and Roles

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and the various committees and roles to be filled. After discussion, the following appointments were made:

Finance Committee

Gene Blishen	(chair)
Hakam Bhaloo	
Caroline White	
Mandy Yang	(ex officio)

Personnel Committee <i>Chair TBD</i>	Surena Bains Hakam Bhaloo Ernie Kashima Sarah Bartnik	(ex officio)
Picard Trust Grant Adjudication Committee	Chris Dong Ernie Kashima Caroline White	
InterLINK Representative InterLINK Alternate	Chris Dong Sarah Bartnik	

Because the Board decided to delay strategic planning until 2023, it was determined that a 2022 Planning and Advocacy Committee was not required.

iii) InterLINK Provisional 2022 Budget

The Chief Librarian provided some background and context for InterLINK and their budget process.

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

“That the Library Board direct its InterLINK Representative to vote in favour of the InterLINK Provisional 2022 Budget.”

InterLINK
Representative

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

iv) 2023 Provincial Budget: Revised Proposed UBCM Resolution

The Chief Librarian reported that there were changes in wording after the Board had approved the resolution at the January meeting.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board approve the revised resolution for consideration at the May 2022 Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Annual General Meeting, and for subsequent consideration at the September 2022 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.”

Seconded by Gene Blishen

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) Operating Plan 2022

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting the many projects under the

“Invigorate People and Culture” goal. She reported that there were several projects that had been under the “Connect with Community” goal, but these have now been operationalized.

The Chief Librarian also noted that a report on Anti-Racism Commitments will be brought to the Board meeting in March.

ii) 2022 PLA & BCLA Conferences

The Chief Librarian spoke to the Public Library Association and the BC Library Association Conferences. Trustees interested in attending were asked to let the Human Resources Coordinator know so that she can register on their behalf.

The Chief Librarian reported that the co-leads of the Library’s Transgender Inclusion Working Group were presenting at the PLA Conference. The Board expressed interest in inviting them to present at a future Board meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Chris Dong

“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 discuss personnel matters and a patron ban.”

Seconded by Sarah Bartnik

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:20h

Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Beth Davies (Secretary)

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