

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 March 17 at 19:05h via Zoom.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Desiree Baron
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Maja Suzberic
Nasia Evans (joined at 19:55h)

REGRETS: Sarah Bartnik
Councillor Johnston

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.

The Board welcomed the Temporary McGill Branch Manager to BPL, and Trustees introduced themselves.

ACTION

1. Agenda

MOVED by Ernie Kashima "That the agenda be received."
Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Caroline White "That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 February 17 be adopted as circulated."
Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that the time guidelines listed with agenda items will be

used on a trial basis to see if they are helpful. The Meeting Chair also reported that the Board Co-Chairs will be in touch with each Trustee to gauge comfort levels in regards to the resumption of in-person meetings.

ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported on the February meeting, at which the executive and committee members were elected. The InterLINK Representative also reported on cultural safety training that was held in March and an upcoming mini-conference on mental health that will be held in May.

4. Items for Decision

i) Anti-Racism

The Chief Librarian reported that facilitated conversations about the Library’s anti-racism commitments have begun with staff, and she commended them for their support of each other and for their bravery during the discussions.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board approve spending of \$17,000 from the Library Endowment Fund on conflict engagement training for senior staff.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board approve spending of \$25,000 from the Library Endowment Fund on anti-racism training for all staff.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

MOVED by Caroline White

“That the Library Board approve in principle a closure of each library branch for one day in May or June on a rotating basis to facilitate anti-racism staff training.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

ii) 2021 Provincial Grants Report

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report, noting the Library’s ongoing community work, the anti-racism climate audit, and the birding backpacks as some of the highlights mentioned.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board endorse the 2021 Provincial Grants report.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

iii) Policy Updates – Donations and Sponsorships

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and noted that, going forward, a request for approving changes to the policy manual will be brought to the same meeting at which a policy decision is being made.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board approve the changes to the Donations and Sponsorship Policy.”

Seconded by Gene Blishen

CARRIED

The Chief Librarian reported that staff are redirecting patrons to where they can donate items that they used to bring to the library.

5. Items for Information

i) 2022 UBCM Resolutions

The Chief Librarian noted the report included the resolution the Library Board approved at their February meeting, which was approved unanimously by City Council.

ii) Temporary Cameron Space

The Chief Librarian briefed the Board on the Library’s and Parks Department’s joint efforts in locating a temporary Cameron space near the existing Recreation Centre that can be used during the new centre’s construction.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Ernie Kashima
Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

“That the regular meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:01h

Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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