

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 April 21 at 19:01h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Mandy Yang
Gene Blishen
Chris Dong
Ernie Kashima
Caroline White

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Elizabeth Davies
Noreen Ma
Franca DeLuca
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Bjorknas
Maja Suzberic
Sarah Khan (left at 19:35h)
Barb Wilkins (left at 19:35h)

REGRETS: Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Councillor Johnston

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

Not Myself Today Ambassadors Sarah Khan, Barb Wilkins, and Heidi Schiller provided a presentation on the program developed by the Canadian Mental Health Association, noting that the City of Burnaby has renewed its subscription to the program for another year. The Board thanked the Ambassadors for the presentation and for their work in building a mentally healthy culture at BPL.

ACTION

1. Agenda

A report on the BC Library Association and the Public Library Association conferences was added under Other Business.

MOVED by Mandy Yang

"That the agenda be received as amended."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

2. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Chris Dong

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 March 17 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

- ii) **MOVED** by Gene Blishen

“That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 2021 June 3 be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

CARRIED

3. Reports

- i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that – based on discussions with individual Trustees and their comfort levels – an in-person meeting is being looked into for July.

The Meeting Chair reminded Trustees about the BC Library Trustees Association workshop that BPL is hosting at the Tommy Douglas Library on May 14. Trustees who are interested in attending can ask the Human Resources Coordinator to register them.

- ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Alternate reported on the most recent meeting, at which the InterLINK Board reflected on their land acknowledgement workshop.

The InterLINK Alternate also reported that the InterLINK Board is planning for returning to in-person meetings, perhaps as a hybrid model in order to allow some representatives to attend virtually.

4. Items for Information

- i) Strategic Plan Report: First Quarter 2022

The Chief Librarian noted the following highlights:

- Staff doing community work have been examining how they share stories that involve others in the community, most recently through a lens of decolonization. The Chief Librarian and the Manager, Community Development will be meeting with the Community Librarians to discuss.
- Home Library & Accessible Services celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2021. After consulting with past and present staff of the department on how to mark the occasion, a special image was designed and imprinted on durable tote bags. HLAS staff have started handing out the bags, along with a chocolate treat, to their regular patrons, who have so far been very appreciative.
- Facilitated conversations with staff on the Library's Anti-Racism Commitments were completed in March – a total of 140 staff participated in 30 conversations. Themes arising from the conversations have been shared with staff, and work on moving forward with the commitments will continue.

ii) COVID-19 Update

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

- Most of the restrictions on library services have been lifted, and remaining ones will be lifted by the end of the month.
- Although the Rapid Test Screening Program has been paused for current staff, any new hires will need to submit proof of vaccination.
- Staff have been asked to be mindful of their colleagues' varying comfort levels regarding masks and distancing.

In response to a question from the Meeting Chair, the Chief Librarian noted that the current library hours will continue. During the pandemic, hours at all locations were made consistent, and these hours have been working well operationally – both for staffing and for patron usage levels.

iii) MOSAIC SCOPE Project

The Board discussed the project, expressing interest in participating. The Chief Librarian will ask MOSAIC for more details and report back.

Chief Librarian

5. Other Business

i) BC Library Association and Public Library Association Conferences

Trustees Blishen, White and Dong reported on their experiences and takeaways from the two conferences, expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to attend.

They praised the BPL Trans Inclusion presentation at PLA, and Trustee White noted that she is looking forward to receiving a version of the same presentation at a future Board meeting.

6. 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 in order to discuss financial matters.”

Seconded by Caroline White

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:27h

Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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