

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 February 16 at 19:05h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Mandy Yang
Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Councillor Allison Gu

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Sarah Bjorknas
Winnie Tan
Linton Harrison

REGRETS: Gene Blishen
Caroline White
Ernie Kashima
Sangeeta Subramanian

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.

1. Agenda

MOVED by Hakim Bhaloo
Seconded by Surena Bains

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Surena Bains

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2023 January 19 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Hakim Bhaloo

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

Board Chair Bartnik attended some sessions of the OLA conference and hopes to access more.

Co-Chair Yang reported on her experience for one session of the OLA conference and was very impressed with what was offered.

Both Chair and Co-Chair convey their kudos to trustees for working together.

ii) Council Liaison

Councillor Gu reported that Council passed an in camera agenda item that is also on the Board in camera agenda.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Alternate reported that there was no January or February meeting. The March meeting will include an orientation for a new InterLINK representatives.

4. Items for Decision

i) Strategic Planning Process

The Chief Librarian elaborated on the Strategic Planning Report and opened the floor for questions and discussions.

She discussed what the project entails, the timeline and the role of the BPL Board Planning Committee. The timeline for the new Strategic Plan to begin is 2024.

MOVED by Surena Bains

“That the Library Board approved the Strategic Planning Report”

Seconded by Hakim Bhaloo

The Board Chair spoke to trustee interest in being part of the Planning Committee, and the following appointments were made:

Planning and Advocacy Committee

Sangeeta Subramanian
Caroline White
Gene Blishen
Mandy Yang
Sarah Bartnik

ii) Election of Officers

The following appointments were made:

Finance Committee

Gene Blishen
Hakam Bhaloo
Mandy Yang

MOVED by Surena Bains

SECONDED by Hakim Bhaloo

InterLINK Representative
InterLINK Alternate

Caroline White
Sarah Bartnik

MOVED by Hakam Bhaloo
SECONDED by Surena Bains

Picard Trust Grant
Adjudication Committee

Caroline White
Ernie Kashima
Mandy Yang

MOVED by Surena Bains
SECONDED by Mandy Yang

At the January Board meeting, trustees decided to postpone Personnel Committee appointments until March to allow the existing Personnel Committee to complete the Chief Librarian's performance review.

iii) Provincial Grants Report

The Chief Librarian provided some background and context for the 2022 Provincial Grants Report.

Board Chair Bartnik asked if the province publishes the report on their website; the Chief Librarian will share information with trustees.

Board Chair Bartnik expressed her appreciation for the projects under the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Grant including the Food Pilot program and the WiFi HotSpots program and asked about how other libraries are spending the grant. The Chief Librarian shared that the grant reports will also be online.

MOVED by Surena Bains

"That the Library Board endorse the
2022 Provincial Grants Report"

Seconded by Mandy Yang

5. Next Library Board Meeting

In previous years, the board received twice yearly report on retired staff. Trustees had commented at a previous meeting they would prefer to hear stories directly from staff themselves. The Chief Librarian reported that 2022 library retirees have been invited to join the board for dinner prior to the March 16th, 2022 meeting at Cedar Room, Cameron Recreation Complex. There is also an option to join via Zoom.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Hakim Bhaloo

"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

Seconded by Mandy Yang

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 19:35h

Sarah Bartnik (Board Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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