

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 March 16 at 19:06h at Cameron Recreation Complex (Cedar Room)

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Ernie Kashima
Sangeeta Subramanian
Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Councillor Allison Gu
Caroline White

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Desiree Baron
Allison Mercado
Maja Suzberic

REGRETS: Gene Blishen
Sarah Bartnik

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 Ernie Kashima
Seconded by Surena Bains

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2023 February 16 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Chair expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet in person.

ii) Council Liaison

No report

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported that Executive Director Michael Burriss is retiring after 15yrs of service.

4. Items for Decision

i) Election of Officers

The following appointments were made:

Personnel Committee

Ernie Kashima
Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Sarah Bartnik

MOVED by Caroline White
SECONDED by Sangeeta
Subramanian

ii) Early Holiday Closures

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report. At the request of the Board, the Chief Librarian agreed to evaluate the decision to close at 5pm on Christmas Eve after the December 24, 2024.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board close library branches early at 5pm on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.”

Seconded by Alison Gu

CARRIED

iii) Metrotown Branch Closure

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Library Board approve closure of Metrotown Branch for up to 4 days due to renovations.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) Strategic Planning Update

The Chief Librarian spoke to the update. Strategic Planning Committee met on March 1 and discussed the need to engage with people who don't use the library, particularly those who speak languages other than English. Staff are currently engaging in background research to inform the board about trends at BPL, in Burnaby, and in the broader library community. The Director Public Service will compile this research into a report to be shared with the Library Board. A consultant has been approached to facilitate board workshop(s) in late summer/early fall.

ii) Provincial Funding

The Chief Librarian shared news about one-time provincial funding for public libraries, in the amount of \$45 million to be spent over 3 years. Details of the amount for BPL are not yet known. The Chief Librarian thanked current and past trustees for their advocacy work in this matter, in meeting with MLAs, speaking to the Select Standing Committee on Finance, and in approving Endowment Fund spending of \$20,000 to contribute to the Association of BC Public Library Directors' Strategic Initiatives Fund.

iii) Retired Employees July to December 2022

Chief Librarian reported that retirees had declined to attend the meeting in person at this time.

6. Next Library Board Meeting- 2023 April 20 at 7pm via Zoom

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

That the Library Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider items under the following subsections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

- 90(1)(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity
- 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations
- 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 19:36h

Mandy Yang (Board Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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