

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 April 20th at 19:00h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Sangeeta Subramanian
Surena Bains
Gene Blishen
Mandy Yang
Caroline White

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Franca DeLuca
Allison Mercado
Maja Suzberic
Sarah Bjorknas
Jenny Cheng

REGRETS: Ernie Kashima
Hakam Bhaloo
Councillor Alison Gu

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

The Board Chair added item 5) ii, Provincial Funding update.

MOVED by Caroline White

"That the agenda as amended be received."

Seconded by Mandy Yang

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

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

Seconded by Mandy Yang

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and encouraged trustees to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 5. She also reminded trustees of the AGM BCLTA conference on May 28 where trustees can have the opportunity to learn from other trustees.

ii) Council Liaison

Council member not present.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported that recruitment for Executive Director is going well. She also shared information about upcoming training on digital resources and emergency preparedness.

4. Items for Decision

i) 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

The Manager, Finance & Facilities walked trustees through the SOFI, focusing on the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Operations.

MOVED by Surena Bains

“That the Library Board approve the 2022 Statement of Financial Information.”

Seconded by Caroline White

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) Quarterly Report Q1 2023

The Director Public Services spoke to the report and highlighted the following:

- Printing project at Metrotown branch has been completed.
- Digital Studio is on its way to opening. Digital Studio Coordinator has been out in the community having conversations, doing surveys and visits to better understand community needs regarding this service.
- The Harm Reduction training had 22 staff in attendance who learned about stigma and how to respond in an overdose situation among other things.

ii) Update on Provincial Funding

Public libraries have received additional one-time funding from the province of BC. The Chief Librarian shared that BPL's portion of the funding is \$334,000 which can be spent over 3 years. There is no plan in place on as to how the money will be spent so far. We will gather ideas from staff and work with the City Finance department.

6. Other Business

The Chief Librarian congratulated Sarah Bjorknas for her new role as union treasurer and thanked her for her many years of service as Library Chair.

7. Next Library Board Meeting - 2023 May 18th at 7pm via Zoom

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Mandy Yang

Seconded by Caroline White

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 19:41h

Sarah Bartnik (Board Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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