

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 May 18 at 7:03pm via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Hakam Bhaloo
Sangeeta Subramanian
Ernie Kashima
Caroline White
Councilor Alison Gu (joined 19:19h)

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Des Baron
Maria Anicic

REGRETS: Surena Bains
Gene Blishen

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

ACTION

1. Agenda

MOVED by Ernie Kashima
Seconded by Sangeeta Subramanian

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 April 20 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that they attended the Volunteer Appreciation dinner in April and commented on how great it was to have in-person connections. At the

dinner, a retirement gift was presented to previous trustee, Chris Dong, who graciously accepted and shared his pleasure in serving as a library trustee. The Meeting Chair encouraged board members to attend this event in the future. The Board Co-Chair spoke to their attendance to the opening of the Festival of Learning and expressed her delight with the kick-off activity. The Board Co-Chair encourage trustees to attend this event.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported that the City is holding public consultations through various mediums regarding the proposal of the future location of City Hall in the M. The Councilor encouraged all to engage in the consultation and provided the link to the information page on the City website.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported that there was an Interlink survey distributed regarding library emergency and recovery needs. Two focus groups at the end of May will explore the collected survey results. The InterLINK Representative shared that the new Executive Director will be announced soon.

4. Items for Information

i) Strategic Planning

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and shared that the research phase of strategic planning is complete and that the engagement phase will commence next week. Engagement events will take place in library branches and throughout Burnaby Parks with staff and community members. Various community group partners will also be asked to provide feedback through regular librarian visits and through meetings with the Chief Librarian.

ii) Strategic Planning Research Report

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and thanked Heidi Schiller, Director, Public Service and BPL staff for their contributions, and commended them for balancing the richness of the info while staying conscious of the magnitude of data collected. Board members indicated how beneficial this information was in providing candid information on BPL statistics, comparative statistics with parallel libraries, key trends in information, demographics, and community needs. Board members commented on what should be included in the planned survey(s) and engagement sessions.

iii) Picard Trust

The Chief Librarian shared the names of the 2023 recipients of the Picard Trust Memorial Bursary and thanked the committee who met and chose the recipients. The recipients will attend the next Board meeting in person to meet trustees.

iii) Metrotown Library Renovations

The Chief Librarian updated the Board on the anticipate opening date of the first floor and shared photos of the newly renovated spaces. The Secretary gave kudos to Franca Deluca, Manager, Finance & Facilities, and Elizabeth Davies, Branch

Manager for their continuous commitment to the design and management of this project. The Chief Librarian also gave praised staff for their flexibility and patience during the perpetual changes. The Chief Librarian expressed excitement about the final stage of the renovations and opening all of the new spaces to the public.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the regular meeting adjourn.”

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:17h

Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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