

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 June 15 at 7:02 pm at McGill Branch.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Mandy Yang (arrived at 7:18 pm)
Hakam Bhaloo
Sangeeta Subramanian
Ernie Kashima
Surena Bains
Gene Blishen
Councilor Alison Gu

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Allison Jones
Jessica Lee
Maité Mayeta Cumba
Nobu Kawaguchi
Sarah Bjorknas

REGRETS: Caroline White

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. Picard Trust Award presentation

Board co-chair Sarah Bartnik presented Maité Mayeta Cumba and Nobu Kawaguchi with the 2023 Picard Trust Awards.

2. Agenda

MOVED by Hakam Bhaloo

"That the agenda be received."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

3. Minutes

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2023 May 18 be adopted as amended."

Seconded by Councilor Alison Gu

CARRIED

4. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that the Strategic Plan Survey for trustees is open until Sunday, June 18. The board co-chairs will be presenting the 2022 Annual Report for the library to City Council on June 19, and all trustees are invited to attend. The chair expressed gratitude to trustees and staff for all their contributions to the successes of 2022 and to the report and planning process for the new Strategic Plan.

ii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported that the most recent meeting included a farewell to Michael Burris, outgoing Executive Director, who will be succeeded by Leigh Anne Palmer. There will be one month of overlap between them, and the InterLINK board is very excited to bring Leigh Anne on board. At the last InterLINK meeting, information was shared about changes to the New to BC program and there was a report on inter-library loans; Burnaby continues to be a net lender. Information was shared by the InterLINK Representative with other InterLINK members about BPL's harm reduction work.

iii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported that the city is working on the Official Community Plan (OCP) consultation for 2050. In person sessions are fully registered but there is still opportunity to provide feedback through the survey or by writing. The City Council liaison suggested that information about the OCP survey be provided in libraries. The Chief Librarian will follow up.

5. Items for Decision

i) Board Meeting Dates

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

“That the Library Board move to 8 meetings per year, beginning in 2024, with the Chief Librarian to bring a report to the board in September 2024 evaluating the change.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

6. Items for Information

i) Strategic Planning

Beth Davies, Chief Librarian, reported on Strategic Planning process to date. 108 staff attended the staff sessions, as did board members Ernie and Sangeeta. Park visits resulted in interesting conversations. Many patrons contributed postcards in branches. Librarians have held conversations at programs and in community visits. Beth is holding about 16 conversations with community leaders. A consultant has been hired to analyze the data we have collected.

Jessica Lee, McGill Branch Manager, led the board in a facilitated strategic plan engagement exercise.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Hakam Bhaloo

“That the regular meeting adjourn.”

Seconded by Councilor Alison Gu

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:00 pm

Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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